


Holmes Gets Life After Jury Fails To Agree On Death

In this July, 2012 photo, James Holmes sits in Arapahoe County District Court in Centennial, Colo. Jurors in the Colorado theater shooting case reached the decision that Holmes will be sentenced to life in prison without parole Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.


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Kerry links better US-Vietnam ties to rights on anniversary

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HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Friday celebrated the 20th anniversary of normalized relations between the United States and Vietnam but said ties would not reach their full potential without improvements in the communist nation's human rights record.

Speaking in Hanoi, Kerry extolled the virtues of reconciling with former enemies and lauded the explosive growth in U.S.-Vietnamese trade, educational exchanges and security cooperation over the past two decades. Yet, he said concerns remained, notably over freedoms of press, speech and assembly, labor rights and political prisoners. While some progress has been made, more is needed, he said. He added that the U.S. is willing to help in those areas but that without significant positive steps, a U.S. ban on supplying lethal weaponry to Vietnam will remain in place.

"Progress on human rights and the rule of law will provide the foundation for a deeper and more sustainable strategy and strategic partnership between the United States and Vietnam," Kerry said in a speech to civic and business leaders at a Hanoi hotel. "Only you can decide

the pace and the direction of the process of building this partnership. But I am sure you have noticed that America's closest partner-

Minh noted that judicial reforms are underway as is the repeal or amendment of controversial laws that many saw as violations of

have competing claims with China over areas of the South China Sea, and has sought U.S. support for negotiated resolutions to

To show solidarity with Vietnam, the Obama administration last year partially lifted a ban on arms sales to Vietnam, allowing the U.S. to supply Hanoi with Coast Guard craft and associated equipment. U.S. officials say Washington is exploring other ways to assist Vietnam in bolstering its maritime law enforcement capabilities short of supplying lethal assistance.

Kerry, a Vietnam veteran, was in Hanoi wrapping up a five-nation tour of the Middle East and Southeast Asia that has been dogged by domestic U.S. debate over the Iran nuclear deal. He said the Vietnam War was the result of a "most profound failure of diplomatic insight and political vision."

And he lamented that current discussions have often focused on the alleged necessity of conflict.

"Standing here today, I'm reminded of conversations I've had recently with people who talk almost casually about the prospect of war with one country or another. And I'm tempted to say: 'You don't have the first idea of what you're talking about'," Kerry said in his speech.

"For sure, there are times when one may have no choice but to go to war, but it is never something to rush to or accept without exploring every other available option," he said. □



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a press conference with Vietnam's Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh following their meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Hanoi, Vietnam Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.
(Brendan Smialowski/Pool Photo via AP)

ships in the world are with countries that share a commitment to certain values." "The more we have in common, the easier it will be to convince our people to deepen the bonds and make the sacrifices on each other's behalf," Kerry said.

He later made similar comments at a news conference with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh who said his country was willing to have a dialogue about human rights and was trying to improve.

the provisions of the country's new constitution.

"Vietnam is more than willing to discuss differences on human rights so we can improve our policies and do a better job," Minh said. Vietnam wants the United States to become its No. 1 trading partner and No. 1 foreign investor, he added. Despite the rights concerns, U.S. officials see stronger ties with Vietnam as a linchpin in President Barack Obama's Asia policy. Vietnam is among the Southeast Asian nations that

the disputes, including between Beijing and Hanoi. Kerry came to Vietnam from a regional security forum in Malaysia where he and China's foreign minister clashed over who is to blame for the rising tensions. The U.S. and China's smaller neighbors like Vietnam are calling for a halt to massive Chinese land reclamation projects in the disputed areas over which Beijing claims sole sovereignty. Beijing rejects what calls outside interference from Washington.

France expands hunt for debris in week-long Reunion search

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Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A French search plane lifted off Friday for a bird's-eye view of Reunion Island, seeking any more potential debris from Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

French authorities said Friday they've launched a one-week-long operation with boats and aircraft scouring the Indian Ocean island, where a wing fragment was discovered nine days ago. Malaysian officials say it came from the missing Boeing 777 but investigators from other

countries are being more cautious.

The prefect of the French overseas department, Dominique Sorain, said Friday that the search would cover an area 120 kilometers (75 miles) by 40 kilometers (25 miles) around the east coast — where the 2-meter-long wing fragment was found.

Sorain said other objects have been found on the island's beaches since last week and have been removed for examination, but he said officials "don't know" if these belong to a plane.

There remained a difference of opinion between Malaysian officials and their counterparts in France, the U.S. and Australia over whether the wing part, known as a flaperon, was definitely from Flight 370.

In Beijing, about 30 Chinese relatives of Flight 370 passengers marched Friday to the Malaysian Embassy hoping to talk to an official about why Malaysia had confirmed the part came from the plane when French investigators had not. They scuffled briefly with police, who

blocked the relatives from approaching the mission. Some criticism came from within Malaysia itself. Opposition lawmaker Liew Chin Tong said in a statement that Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai must explain "the haste and hurry" to declare the wreckage came from Flight 370.

"A quick conclusion will not do justice to the next of kin of the victims," he said.

An official in Prime Minister Najib Razak's office who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to

discuss the difference of opinion said the Malaysian government owes it to the public and the families of those on the plane to reveal what it knows and to deliver the news first.

"It is our plane and we know it best. Since the French is the investigating team here, they do not want to take our word for it and they want to do more tests — that is fine with us," the official said. "We are accustomed to criticism from day one, but please give us credit because we are doing our best to cope with this." □



Obama suffers setback as top Dem Schumer rejects Iran deal



Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. walks on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Barack Obama suffered a temporary setback in his all-out campaign to secure Democratic support for the Iran nuclear deal as Schumer announced his opposition to the international accord.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama suffered a notable setback in his all-out campaign to secure Democratic support for the Iran nuclear deal when the leading Jewish Democrat in the U.S. Senate announced his opposition. The question is how significant the blow will turn out to be.

Republicans, infuriated by Obama's recent comparison of party foes of the pact to "Death to America" Iranian hardliners, immediately focused on the stunning break with the president by Chuck Schumer of New York, and they're urging other Democrats to buck the administration.

But there was no quick indication that the announcement by Schumer, the No. 3 Senate Democrat and party leader-in-waiting in that chamber, would trigger a rush of Democratic opposition to the international accord, which aims

to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for billions of dollars in relief from crippling economic sanctions.

In fact, just hours after Schumer's late Thursday statement, Sen. Tammy Baldwin and Vermont independent and presidential candidate Bernie Sanders endorsed the deal, bringing the number of Senate backers to 15.

Still, another New Yorker, Rep. Eliot Engel, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and an additional Democratic member of the panel, Brad Sherman of California, joined Schumer Friday in opposing the deal.

Five weeks before crucial votes in Congress, Schumer's decision was seen as a blow to the administration, whose intense lobbying on Capitol Hill since last month's deal had produced a steady stream of support from Democrats who had been the most vocal in demanding con-

gressional oversight.

But Democrats in the House and Senate said they remained confident that a sufficient number would ensure Obama's deal survives.

"House and Senate Republicans have enough votes to pass a resolution of disapproval next month, but Obama is widely expected to veto that resolution and Republicans will then try to overturn the veto.

Faced with uniform Republican opposition, the administration has targeted Democrats, and 21 of the 188 House Democrats have announced their support while nine oppose the deal.

Coupled with the courting of Democrats, Obama has lashed out at Republican critics of the pact,

saying hardliners chanting "Death to America" in Tehran are "making common cause with the Republican caucus." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, called on Obama to stop demonizing foes of the deal, but the president reiterated his assessment. "The reason that Mitch McConnell, and the rest of the folks in his caucus who opposed this jumped out and opposed this before they even read it, before it was even posted, is reflective of an ideological commitment not to get a deal done," Obama said in a CNN interview that aired Friday. "In that sense they do have much more in common with the hardliners who are much more satisfied with the status quo." □

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Obama heading for Martha's Vineyard vacation a day early



President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama, and their daughter Sasha walk from the White House in Washington, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, to board Marine One on the South Lawn for a short trip to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., then onto Martha's Vineyard, Mass., for a family vacation. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is

returning to his summer vacation spot of choice, the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard, a

day earlier than originally planned for more than two weeks of hoped-for rest coupled with extended

pursuit of his favorite leisure sport: golf.

Obama apparently was so anxious to join the hordes of lawmakers, lobbyists and others who turn Washington into a political ghost town every August that he moved up his departure. He left the White House on Friday with his wife, Michelle, and teenage daughters Malia and Sasha, instead of on Saturday as initially planned.

Obama sounded jovial as he wrapped up his duties in the White House Friday and anticipated his getaway. "I know you'll miss me," he joked to reporters after signing a bill preserving wilderness land in Idaho.

Obama plans no public events during the 17 days he will spend on the island situated south of Cape Cod and known as a summer hangout for the wealthy. The vacation will be his sixth on the Vineyard since taking office in 2009.

Obama skipped a trip to the island during his 2012 re-election campaign.

He was returning to the same secluded estate he rented last year, a seven-bedroom, nine-bathroom property in Chilmark, on the western part of the island, and valued at \$12 million, according to local news reports. The property's amenities include a dual basketball and tennis court.

With no official appearances on the schedule, Obama will spend his time away from Washington dabbling in his usual vacation activities: leisurely rounds of golf, beach outings, hikes and bike rides with the family, and dinner with Mrs. Obama at some of the island's top restaurants. He will travel with a cluster of top aides who will update him as developments warrant.

Obama has to be hoping for a more relaxed summer holiday. □

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Holmes gets life term after jury fails to agree on execution

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Associated Press
CENTENNIAL, Colorado
(AP) — Colorado theater shooter James Holmes will be sentenced to life in prison without parole after a jury failed to agree Friday on whether he should get the death penalty for his murderous attack on a packed movie premiere. The nine women and three men said they could not reach a unanimous verdict on each of the 24 murder counts. That automatically eliminates the death penalty for Holmes, who blamed his calculated murders of 12 people on mental illness. Prosecutors argued Holmes deserved to die because he methodically planned the 2012 assault at a midnight screening of a Batman movie, even blasting techno music through ear phones so he wouldn't hear his victims scream. The verdict came as a surprise. The same jury rejected Holmes' insanity defense, finding him capable of understanding right from wrong when he carried out the attack. It also quickly determined that the heinousness of Holmes' crimes outweighed his mental illness in a prior step that



Tom Sullivan, right, who lost his son in the movie theater shooting in Aurora, Colo., in July 2012, heads into the Arapahoe County Courthouse in Centennial, Colo. Jurors reached the decision to sentence Holmes to life in prison without parole, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

brought them closer to the death penalty. As the verdict was read, Holmes' mother Arlene, who had pleaded for jurors to spare her son's life, leaned her head against her husband's shoulder and began sobbing. Tears broke out across the courtroom. In the back, Aurora police officers who responded to the bloody

scene of Holmes' attacks began crying. The defense countered that his schizophrenia led to a psychotic break, and that powerful delusions drove him to carry out one of the nation's deadliest mass shootings. At least one juror agreed — a verdict of death must be unanimous. Jurors deliberated for about six and a half hours over

two days before deciding on Holmes' sentence. They reached their decision after the judge granted their request earlier Friday to re-watch a graphic crime scene video taken immediately after the massacre. The 45 minutes of footage, played during the trial, shows 10 bodies lying amid spent shell casings, popcorn and blood.

There was never any question during the grueling, four-month trial as to whether Holmes was the killer. Holmes meekly surrendered outside the theater, where police found him clad head-to-toe in combat gear. The trial hinged instead on the question of whether a mentally ill person should be held legally and morally culpable for an act of unspeakable violence. It took jurors only about 12 hours of deliberations to decide the first part — they rejected his insanity defense and found him guilty of 165 felony counts. The defense then conceded his guilt, but insisted during the sentencing phase that his crimes were caused by the psychotic breakdown of a mentally ill young man, reducing his moral culpability and making a life sentence appropriate. The jury's final decision came after days of tearful testimony from relatives of the slain. The case could have ended the same way more than two years ago, when Holmes offered to plead guilty if he could avoid the death penalty. □

Man pleads not guilty to shooting family who stopped to help

HELENA, Montana (AP) — An 18-year-old man accused of shooting a family who stopped to help him on the Crow tribal reservation pleaded not guilty Friday to murder and assault charges. Jesus Deniz of Wyoming appeared at a four-minute hearing in Billings federal court. He entered his pleas to two counts of first-degree

murder, assault with intent to commit murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury. U.S. Marshals then took Deniz, also known as Jesus Deniz Mendoza, back into custody. Deniz is accused of killing 51-year-old Jason Shane and 47-year-old Tana Shane on July 26 when they and their daughter,

Jorah Shane, offered to help what they believed was a stranded motorist in the small town of Pryor. The gunman pointed a rifle at the family, ordered them out of their vehicle and demanded money, according to an FBI statement included with the criminal complaint filed after Deniz's arrest. When they told him they had no money, he ordered

them to walk away from the car and then opened fire, the FBI statement said. The couple was killed on the roadside, and their daughter was shot as she ran away, the statement said. Deniz told FBI agents he shot the family because he was getting tired of waiting around and because the daughter laughed at him, the criminal complaint said.

Deniz's public defender did not immediately return a call for comment Friday. The murder charges carry a mandatory sentence of life in prison upon conviction, and the assault charges each have maximum prison terms between 10 to 20 years. The case is in federal court because the victims are Native Americans on a tribal reservation. □

Post-debate, crowded GOP field is back at work

ATLANTA (AP) — Billionaire presidential candidate Donald Trump's refusal to say he would support the Republican's eventual nominee should it not be him, grabbed the top headlines from the first debate of the 2016 campaign, overshadowing some of the party's biggest stars and creating space for some new faces to shine.

Undaunted, the crowded field of Republican presidential candidates hustled back before voters Friday, hoping to build on momentum — and clean up any debate-night messes left behind.

"It's not easy with 10 people debating," said Jeb Bush, referring to the candidates leading in the polls who were invited to the main debate, seven more participated in a pre-debate forum.

Bush, a former Florida governor who enjoys the support of the Republican establishment despite being outpolled by Trump, said, "I don't view debating as a question of winning and losing. It's the cumulative effect of shaping people's opinions of who you are that matters over the long haul."

After Thursday night's debate, a long haul is what the Republicans appear to be in for.

With Trump showing no signs of letting up, and none of the other 16 Re-



Republican presidential candidates from left, Chris Christie, Marco Rubio, Ben Carson, Scott Walker, Donald Trump, Jeb Bush, Mike Huckabee, Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, and John Kasich take the stage for the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena, Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

publicans in the race ready to concede anything after just one debate, the contest for the party nomination is an unsettled affair that's just getting started. And the voters seem to be loving the show.

Thursday night's debate wasn't just the most-watched program in the history of Fox News Channel, it drew more than twice as many views as the previous record-setter — the 2012 election night.

Undoubtedly, the reason for the record ratings was Trump.

He was back on TV Friday morning, telling the morning talk shows he couldn't recall insulting women in

the past — rejecting the premise of a debate question posed by Fox News' Megyn Kelly.

"You know, some of the statements she made about the women, I don't recognize those words whatsoever," Trump said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "We're going to take a very serious look at it."

He won't have to look far. Trump's Twitter feed is sprinkled with insults to women — and some men — that use words such as "dog," "ugly," "dumb," "stupid" and "disgusting." In the early hours of Friday morning, he also republished a tweet that referred to Kelly

as a "bimbo."

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry were speaking Friday at the RedState Gathering of conservative activists in Atlanta. Bush will be there Saturday — along with Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.

Christie told the RedState crowd on Friday that his leadership of a Democratic-leaning state makes him "battle tested for Washington." □

Trump claims he can't recall using frequent insults

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP)

Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump said Friday he can't recall using words such as "dog," "fat" and "disgusting" to insult women he believes have slighted him, but such language litters his Twitter feed and other public comments he's made for years.

Trump, a brash billionaire businessman and reality television star, dominated the first Republican television debate in the 2016 campaign on Thursday with his eccentric and divisive rhetoric. Among other remarks, he refused to apologize for making crude comments about women, saying he doesn't have time for political correctness.

Fox News moderator Megyn Kelly asked Trump about his use of such language and whether it reflected the "temperament of a man we should elect as president."

Trump largely dismissed Kelly's question at the debate, and in a series of interviews Friday on network television, the billionaire businessman questioned whether he had actually used the words as Kelly had alleged.

"You know, some of the statements she made about the women, I don't recognize those words whatsoever," Trump said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "We're going to take a very serious look at it." Trump has a long history of lobbing insults at those he feels have treated him unfairly, and advises those who buy his books to do the same.

"For many years I've said that if someone screws you, screw them back," he wrote in "Trump: How to Get Rich." "When somebody hurts you, just go after them as viciously and as violently as you can."

When doing so, he has repeatedly targeted women and their physical appearance. □

Trump dominates Republican presidential debate

CLEVELAND (AP) — A combative Donald Trump, the U.S. billionaire businessman-turned-presidential candidate, jolted the first Republican debate of the 2016 campaign with his brash, confrontational comments, but the event also served as a reminder that the race still remains leaderless and unsettled.

Asked in the debate's opening minutes whether he could rule out running for America's top post as an independent candidate, Trump declared Thursday night, "I will not

make the pledge at this time." He also refused to apologize for making crude comments about women, defended his changing policy positions and tangled with the debate moderators.

Should Trump opt for a third-party run, he likely would split the Republican vote, making it more likely that Democrat frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton would win, giving her party a third straight term in the White House.

During the two-hour session Trump put to rest speculation that he

would tone down his divisive rhetoric that many expected would be ruinous to his campaign, but instead helped him rise quickly to the top of the polls. He brushed aside questions about his public denigration of women, explaining that he has no time for political correctness, and said he had done nothing but used American laws when four of his companies took bankruptcy.

Trump was the only one of 10 candidates to raise his hand when the Fox News hosts asked who would

not pledge to support the eventual party nominee. Trump's refusal enraged Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, who said Trump was "already hedging his bets because he's used to buying politicians."

Through the remainder of the debate, the candidates made little news, choosing instead to use their time to repeat already well-known positions. Only 10 of 17 Republican candidates were invited to participate in the main event, with the remaining seven relegated to a pre-debate forum. □



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US Financial Front:

America adds 215K jobs and moves Fed closer to rate hike

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. job market just demonstrated that it may be nearing full health more than six years after the Great Recession — and showed why the Federal Reserve may be about to raise interest rates from record lows.

July marked the latest month in a streak of solid hiring, with employers adding 215,000 jobs and the unemployment rate holding at a relatively low 5.3 percent, the government said Friday.

Monthly job growth has averaged 211,286 so far this year, a level suggesting that employers are confident the economy will continue to expand and require more workers in the coming months and years. The government also said employers added a total of 14,000 more jobs in May and June than previously estimated.

"Another solid jobs report suggests the economy is gaining strength and keeps the Fed on track to

raise rates as early as the next meeting," in September, Sal Guatieri, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said in a research note.

The Fed has held its key short-term rate near zero since the financial crisis of 2008 to try to energize borrowing, investing and spending. But now the Fed is close to concluding that the economy is strong enough to withstand higher rates.

Still, many Americans remain anxious about the modest recovery. The economy's overall growth rate has remained lackluster at an annualized pace of 1.5 percent in the first of half the year, and pay raises have been sluggish, with average hourly earnings in July up just 2.1 percent from a year earlier.

Some of those misgivings were on display Thursday night at the first Republican presidential debate, where the candidates talked of simplifying the tax code, slashing regulations and easing the pressures on American workers result-



From left, Sgt. Garret Baganz, Spc. Tyler Sonsoucie and Spc. Ian Sokol work on a ecotech engine during an automotive skills class at Fort Hood, Texas. The men are participants in Shifting Gears, a program sponsored by General Motors that teaches automotive skills and tries to match participants with dealerships around the country. The Labor Department released employment data for July on Friday, Aug. 7, 2015. (Deborah Cannon/AP)

ing from immigration and global trade.

"The jobs that once sustained our middle class — they either don't pay enough or they are gone," said Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, offering a perspective shared by many Demo-

crats as well.

Companies are laying off fewer and fewer workers, with the monthly average of people seeking unemployment benefits near a 15-year low. At the same time, roughly 8.3 million Americans are looking for

work, and many others have given up.

Since the recession began in late 2007, 14.5 million people have left the job market, either abandoning their search for work, choosing to retire or staying in school longer. □

Coffee company layoffs hit rebuilding Vermont town hard

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Associated Press

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) —

For years, the company now known as Keurig Green Mountain provided well-paying, stable employment in Vermont. That's about to change.

The company announced this week that the bulk of about 200 layoffs in the state would be in Waterbury, a town still rebuilding after the loss of about 1,100 jobs four years ago when Tropical Storm Irene

flooded the state.

Local residents recognize the business fortunes of Keurig Green Mountain are beyond their control.

Resident Theresa Wood, who helped rebuild the community after Irene, said everyone in Waterbury knows someone affected by the layoffs or at least knows someone who knows someone.

She said the company, still known locally as Coffee Roasters, has provided dependable, well-paying jobs

with good benefits that will be hard to replicate, even in a state with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.

"Sort of the hometown feel of the company as they have grown in sales — they are not the small-medium-sized company that they used to be," Wood said. "They are corporate America now and this type of thing happens in corporate America."

Before Tropical Storm Irene flooded Waterbury

in August 2011, there were about 1,400 state government jobs spread through an aging, but picturesque complex on the south side of the community that was first built in the 19th century as the state's psychiatric hospital, but evolved to become home to a number of state agencies.

The flooding caused the state to abandon most of those buildings, taking away all but about 300 of those jobs in the unflooded state public safety build-

ing.

On Wednesday, Keurig announced it was cutting about 330 jobs of a total of about 6,600 after disappointing sales numbers.

Keurig said that before the layoffs it employed about 2,000 in Vermont, but they wouldn't break those numbers down by location. Before the layoffs Vermont state Rep. Tom Stevens, a Democrat, said the company employed between 700 and 800 people in Waterbury. □

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Deadline passed for Croat held by IS militants in Egypt

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Police searches and diplomatic efforts intensified over the fate of a Croatian hostage held in Egypt by Islamic State extremists, who threatened to kill him Friday if the government did not release imprisoned Islamist women.

The group's Egyptian affiliate said Wednesday that it would kill 30-year-old Tomislav Salopek in 48 hours if the Egyptian government did not release jailed "Muslim women" — a reference to those detained in the government's crackdown on supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamists.

As extremist sympathizers noted the passage of the deadline on social media, Croatia's foreign minister, Vesna Pusic, met with her Egyptian counterpart in Cairo to press efforts. Foreign Minister Sameh Shourki's office pledged in statement that Egypt "will spare no effort" in the search for Salopek.

No other information was immediately available about the fate of the hostage, a married father of two. In previous kidnapping situations involving the Islamic State group, deadlines have passed and videos of killings have appeared later.

Salopek, a surveyor in the oil and gas industry working with France's CGG Ardiseis, was abducted in Cairo last month. The extremists' videotaped demand, entitled "A Message to the Egyptian Government," was shot in the style of previous Islamic State propaganda videos in which they threaten and behead hostages. □

Syria:

After capturing town, IS abducts dozens of Christians

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BEIRUT (AP) — The Islamic State group has abducted 230 residents, including dozens of Christians, from a central Syrian town captured by the extremists the day before, activists said Friday.

The IS extremists overrun the heavily populated Qaryatain on Thursday, said the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Syria-based activist Bebars al-Talawy.

Osama Edward, director of the Christian Assyrian Network for Human Rights in Syria, told The Associated Press that about 60 Christians were initially taken but that about half of them were released and had made it to nearby villages. Qaryatain lies in the middle of a triangle formed by the cities of Homs, Palmyra and Damascus. Activists say it has a mixed population of around 40,000 Sunni Muslims and Christians, as well as thousands of internally displaced people



An Islamic State militant holds the group's flag as he stands on a tank they captured from Syrian government forces, in the town of Qaryatain southwest of Palmyra, central Syria.

(Rased News Network via AP)

who had fled from Homs. The Observatory said that "dozens" of Christian were among the people abducted, while al-Talawy put the number at 60. He said the rest of those abducted, about 170 people, are Sunni Muslims. The Observatory also said there were 45 women and 19 children among those abducted. Assyrian Christian priest Gabriel Dawoud told the Lebanon-based Al-Mayadeen TV that two of abducted Christians were in wheelchairs.

Edward, the Assyrian activist, said IS appears to be preparing to attack the Christian town of Sadad, currently home to more than 4,000 Christian families, that was captured by al-Qaida's fighters in 2013 but was retaken by Syrian troop shortly afterward. Many of the Sadad townspeople are already fleeing the town, he said. Amnesty International condemned the abductions. Neil Sammonds, the London-based group's Syria researcher, said the

abductions were "abhorrent" and highlighted the "dreadful plight of civilians caught up in the conflict in the country."

"Every effort must be made to identify the perpetrators of these crimes and bring them to justice," Sammonds added.

The Turkey-based Syrian National Coalition, the main Western-backed opposition group, claimed that President Bashar Assad's government facilitated the capture of the religiously mixed Qaryatain "in order to exploit the matter politically."

Christians make up about 10 percent of Syria's pre-war population of 23 million. In February, IS kidnapped more than 220 Assyrian Christians, after overrunning several farming communities on the southern bank of the Khabur River in the northeastern province of Hassakeh. Since then, only a few have been released and the fate of the others remains unknown. □

Report:

3 killed in clash between Turkish police, Kurds

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Police clashed with supporters of a Kurdish rebel group in southeastern Turkey on Friday in a four-hour gunfight that killed three people, Turkey's state-run news agency reported. Violence has flared between the autonomy-seeking Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, and Turkey's security forces in the past two weeks, wrecking an already fragile peace process between the government and the rebels. Turkey's military has launched airstrikes against

PKK targets in northern Iraq and in southeastern Turkey while the rebels have carried out numerous attacks on police and soldiers.

The Anadolu Agency said PKK supporters fired at police and workers who were called in to fill ditches that were dug to prevent police from entering a neighborhood in the town of Silopi, near Turkey's border with Iraq.

The sides clashed for some four hours, during which three people died and a police armored vehicle

was hit with a rocket, seriously wounding one officer, the agency said.

At least 36 people have now been killed in the renewed violence.

Also Friday, legislators from Turkey's pro-Kurdish party said that eight Iraqi civilians were killed in a Turkish air raid in northern Iraq last week, disputing the Turkish military's claim that the area struck was a camp used by Kurdish rebels.

Returning from a three-day fact-finding mission in northern Iraq, the legislators told reporters that the

Turkish warplanes struck the town of Zargel on Aug. 1, also wounding at least 27 civilians. Six homes were totally destroyed and other buildings, including a mosque, were damaged, they said.

The lawmakers said there were no rebel camps in the region and called for legal action against officials responsible for the attack.

The military said last week that the area struck was not a civilian settlement but a Kurdish rebel "sheltering area." □

Even with banks open, Greek firms paralyzed by restrictions

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Associated Press
THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)

— Panagiotis Papadopoulos, the owner of a Greek company that builds and exports glass products like shower cabins, has been waiting three weeks to pay a supplier in Bulgaria.

It's not that he doesn't have the 45,000 euros (\$49,000) or doesn't want to pay. It's that he first needs the approval of a committee run by the finance ministry in Athens.

Any business that wants to pay a foreign supplier needs this approval because the government is worried about money flowing out of the country due to its financial crisis. The process has created an administrative bottleneck that is causing huge pain for Greek companies already struggling through recession.

"They are dealing with a huge volume of requests," Papadopoulos said of the committee, during a visit Friday to his factory outside the northern city of Thessaloniki.

Greece's restrictions on money transfers and withdrawals have cut the amount of business done by small and medium sized firms by about half, with three in 10 businesses suffering a drop of more than 70 percent, according to a survey published this week by the national trading association GSEVEE.

Papadopoulos is no stranger to tough times. He survived six years of recession, during which one in every four businesses around the country — about 200,000 — collapsed. He's had to lay off almost half of his 60 workers.

On June 28 this year, his job got even harder: Banks closed for three weeks and indefinite restrictions on cash transactions were imposed to prevent banks from failing. While the banks have since reopened, the government has kept controls on business payments abroad.

Papadopoulos says he was lucky to have received a large supply order just be-

fore the banks closed.

"But if this continues, I'll have problems. I'll have to turn to the Greek market for supplies, but it doesn't provide all the materials I use." Papadopoulos heads the chamber of commerce in Thessaloniki and was due to meet later Friday with finance ministry officials to request that restrictions be relaxed. The problem appears particularly acute in northern Greece, where thousands of firms have applied to move to neighboring Bulgaria to avoid the problem and benefit from much lower tax rates. More than 2,500 businesses moved to Bulgaria in the last two years, according to the national traders' association. Now, about 60,000 more businesses have filed applications to set up in Bulgaria, though that figure includes firms looking to create subsidiaries.

Months of uncertainty surrounding Greece's new bailout deal, the banking restrictions and a new round of government budget savings have pushed Greece back into recession — but the extent of the downturn will largely depend on how quickly business can return to normal. In central Athens, Katerina Athanasopoulou said orders from Germany for chairs from her family-run workshop had been canceled out of concern that the deliveries might not get through.

"There are days when we don't even make 5 euros," she says as she painstakingly weaves a rush seat.

"There is no way we will survive if this continues. We have rent to pay, taxes, one thing on top of another. We can't make ends meet."

There were some signs of hope before the banking restrictions kicked in: unemployment fell in May to 25 percent from 27 the previous year, and non-oil exports rose 18 percent on the year in June, according to figures announced Friday by the Greek Statistical Authority.

This data, however, does not include the period



Panagiotis Papadopoulos, the managing director of a glass products company, inspects a pane of glass in the industrial area of Sindos, a few kilometers west of the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015. The company is having difficulty paying overseas suppliers due to disruptions caused by capital controls in Greece. The government is racing to finalize a new bailout deal by Aug. 20 that would provide relief for the country's troubled banks.

(AP Photo/Giannis Papanikos)

when banks were shut or when restrictions were placed on payments outside Greece, notes Christina Sakellariadis, head of

the Panhellenic Exporters Association. The chaos surrounding businesses has prompted economists to slash their

forecasts for the Greek economy from mild growth to a punishing contraction of between 2 percent and 4 percent. □



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American culture, from fast food to actors, seeps into Iran

NASSER KARIMI

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Shortly after Iran reached a nuclear deal with world powers, a local newspaper in Tehran published an image that many outside the country would take for granted: An American actor hawking an expensive watch.

But John Travolta's blue eyes staring out of the advertisement, which showed him sitting next to NASA's X-15 experimental rocket jet on a California runway, offered a dose of Americana rarely seen since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. And soon, there could be even more.

Businesses worldwide want to get into Iran, home to some 80 million people, oil and gas reserves and a sizable middle class craving U.S. brands.

Though hard-liners worry that could corrupt the Islamic nation, others have opened their minds to the idea of having them around.

"We have had economic dealings with the United



Iranian worker Shahin Mirouzadeh cuts potatoes at "Mash Donald's" fast food restaurant, a knock-off version of McDonald's in western Tehran, Iran. Businesses worldwide want to get into Iran, home to some 80 million people, oil and gas reserves and a middle class eager for familiarity with brands based in the U.S. Though hard-liners worry that could corrupt the Islamic nation, others have opened their mind to the idea of having them around.

(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

States in the past," said Mohsen Jalalpour, head of Iran's Chamber of Commerce. "Americans are very interested in some Iranian goods and some American goods are popular with Iranians as well. Popularity of the brands and this background can be helpful."

Hundreds of thousands of Iranians call the U.S. home.

Those still in Iran have exposure to America through bootleg DVDs and television shows streamed online via virtual private networks allowing them to get around Internet censors. Those who can afford it can make the quick flight to Dubai, where nearly every global brand has a presence.

But the nuclear deal,

which would lift sanctions in exchange for restrictions on Iran's atomic program, would open even more doors. In April, even Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the nuclear talks with the U.S. might lead to negotiations about other issues in the future.

That's a departure from the decades of suspicion between the two countries. Iranians long despised the U.S. for being involved in the 1953 coup that overthrew its elected prime minister and installed the Western-backed shah. For the U.S., anger over the embassy hostage crisis that saw 52 Americans held for 444 days still lingers.

But now, under the nuclear deal, businesses are looking at Iran as a major market. And those within want more access to products like iPhones, said Amir Rezvani, the sales manager of Vaghaye Gostare Fars Co., which imports Apple devices. "Iranian people would welcome Apple and they love Apple products," Rezvani said. "I believe the entrance of such compa-

nies to Iran will benefit the people and at the same time, bring great profits for these companies."

Apple had no comment when asked about potential plans for Iran.

Even McDonald's Corp., whose golden arches have yet to be raised in Iran, has an online application for those interested in franchise opportunities in the Islamic Republic.

McDonald's says it has not "set a firm date" for expanding there, but some hard-liners are warning of a coming red-white-and-blue cultural invasion. A rumor of a McDonald's opening in Tehran in 1994 saw the site burned down.

"Let's be careful that Americans do not replace sanctions with sandwiches," said Ezzatollah Zarghami, a hard-liner who once presided over Iran's state broadcasting company. □

McDonald's declined to comment on its plans for Iran. But even now, a knock-off version of McDonald's — "Mash Donald's" — exists in Tehran, selling burgers and fries. □

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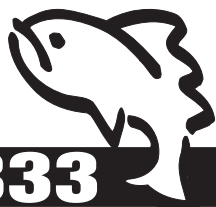


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North Korea snubs Japan with new time zone

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Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea has no time for Japan. Not anymore, at least. The country will establish its own time zone next week by pulling back by 30 minutes its current standard time, a legacy of the Japanese colonial rule. The new time zone will take effect Aug. 15 — the 70th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese rule at the end of World War II, North Korea's official Central News Agency said Friday. The establishment of "Pyongyang time" will root out that legacy, it said.

Local time in North and South Korea and Japan is the same — nine hours ahead of GMT. It was set during Japan's rule over what was single Korea from 1910 to 1945. "The wicked Japanese imperialists committed such unpardonable crimes as depriving Ko-

rea of even its standard time while mercilessly trampling down its land with 5,000-year-long history and culture and pursuing the unheard-of policy of obliterating the Korean nation," the KCNA dispatch said.

The North's move appears to be aimed at bolstering the leadership of young leader Kim Jong Un with anti-Japan, nationalistic sentiments, said Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul. Kim took power upon the death of his dictator father, Kim Jong Il, in late 2011.

Many Koreans, especially the elderly, on both sides of the border still harbor deep resentment against Japan over its colonial occupation. Hundreds of thousands of Koreans were forced to fight as front-line soldiers, work in slave-labor conditions or serve as prostitutes in brothels operated

by the Japanese military during the war.

South Korea says it uses the same time zone as Japan because it's more practical and conforms to international practice.

Seoul's Unification Ministry said Friday that the North's action could bring minor disruption at a jointly-run industrial park at the North Korean border city of Kaesong and other inter-Korean affairs. Spokesman Jeong Joon-Hee said the North's new time zone could also hamper efforts to narrow widening differences between the Koreas. The two Koreas were divided into the capitalist, U.S.-backed South and the socialist, Soviet-supported North after their 1945 liberation. They remain split along the world's most heavily fortified border since their 1950-1953 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. □



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Venezuela's top beer Polar scarce amid heat wave



A Polar beer vendor makes a delivery to a liquor store in Caracas, Venezuela. At least two of Polar's six beer plants halted production recently due to lack of ingredients, affecting 25% of beer production in a country with one of the highest beer consumption rates in the world. Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro blames food and goods shortages on an economic war waged by opposition aligned companies, while economists point to the country's price controls since 2003.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelans are facing the prospect of a heat wave without their favorite beer, the latest indignity in a country that has seen shortages of everything from disposable diapers to light bulbs.

Cerveceria Polar, which distributes 80 percent of the beer in the socialist South American country, began shutting down breweries this week because of a lack of barley, hops and other raw materials, and has halted deliveries to Caracas liquor stores.

"This is never-never land," said Yefferson Ramirez, who navigated a rush of disgruntled customers Thursday behind the counter at a corner store in posh eastern Caracas. The shop has been out of milk and bottled water for months, but the beer shortfall is provoking a new level of irritation.

"People more freaked out about losing beer than water — it shows how distorted our priorities have become here," Ramirez said.

Some of the customers walking away empty-handed headed a few blocks down to El Tigre, a prime showcase of the country's beer culture, where people while away balmy nights with a steady stream of light beer that comes in undersized bottles to ensure it never gets warm. Waiters ran around the bar's outdoor plaza plopping down fresh drinks on plastic tables covered with dozens of empty bottles.

El Tigre has kept going during a heat wave that has seen temperatures soar as high as 30 C (86 F) in a month that averages 23 C (about 73 F) by buying up all the Polar beer its waiters can find at supermarkets and selling the bottles for 200 bolivars rather than the normal 150, in violation of government price controls. Angel Padra was arranging his empty bottles into concentric circles Thursday night, lamenting that Venezuela wouldn't be the same without the dark version of the popular beer, Polar negra.

"I started drinking 'negra'

when I was 13," he said. "This is our religion. Take away beer and things get risky."

The shortage comes at a time when Venezuelans could use a little relaxing. Tensions are running high ahead of an election that the ruling party is expected to lose badly. A supermarket looting last week left one man dead, and in July, the head of Venezuela's Liquor Store Association was arrested for unexplained reasons after denouncing the shortages of beer making materials.

It's unclear when the national beer might start flowing again. Production cannot resume until the government approves foreign currency to import raw ma-

terials, according to Polar industrial engineer Daniela Escobar.

President Nicolas Maduro has so far kept quiet on the issue, but in the past has accused Polar owner Lorenzo Mendoza of hoarding goods to create the impression that Venezuela's economy is in chaos. In February he delivered the ultimatum, "Help our country or get out!"

As with every new wave of shortages here, there's always an upside for someone. In this case, the liquor stores bearing the brunt of customers' anger could ultimately benefit as people switch from beer to whiskey or rum, which have higher profit margins. In poorer neighborhoods, resellers

are buying up the remaining cases of Polar beer at government-regulated prices, and illegally selling them at a steep markup.

Venezuelans can still opt for one of the imported or locally-made artisanal beers still found in liquor stores. But with Heineken going for more than five times the price of Polar, it doesn't seem likely many will switch to a posher alternative. "If they're only selling Heineken, they're not selling beer," said college student Jose Vera, who went home to drink rum after failing to find Polar at liquor stores Thursday. Even though he kicked off the weekend beer-free, Vera didn't seem too worried. □

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Puerto Rico senator seeks funds to make missed bond payment

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Puerto Rico senator filed a resolution Friday that would reassign \$94 million to the island's Government Development Bank so it can make a bond payment that the U.S. territory missed earlier this week. Sen. Gilberto Rodriguez said the money would

come from a fund slated for other upcoming bond payments. The resolution has not been debated.

The island's legislature reconvenes in one week. Puerto Rico's Public Finance Corporation missed an Aug. 1 deadline to make a \$58 million pay-

ment on moral obligation bonds.

It made a partial payment of \$628,000 in interest but did not have enough money to pay the remainder. The non-payment prompted OppenheimerFunds Inc. and Franklin Advisers Inc. to issue a letter addressed to Puerto Rico's Government

Development Bank demanding that bondholders be paid.

"The path that the current administration has chosen will steer Puerto Rico towards litigation and create further deterioration in the capital markets' trust in Puerto Rico," the Aug. 5 letter said. "We hereby

demand that (the Public Finance Corporation) take all actions necessary to collect on the Notes."

Puerto Rico is struggling with \$72 billion in public debt that the governor has said is unpayable and needs restructuring as the island enters its ninth year of economic stagnation. □

Cuba plans boating boom as US luxury ships head to Havana

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — A \$3 million yacht left Key West this week with two barbeque

After four hours smooth sailing, the Still Water tied up at Havana's Hemingway Marina. The well-heeled passengers breakfasted on

The Cold War made the Florida Straits into a stage for nuclear showdown and a graveyard for thousands of Cuban rafters seeking

tween the U.S. and Cuba back into a playground for hulking cruise ships and sleek luxury yachts,

For the first time in decades, the U.S. government is authorizing a wide range of large-scale sea travel to Cuba. Since declaring detente in December, the Obama administration has issued permits to dozens of sailboats,

at least five ferry companies, four cruise lines and the Palm Beach-based yacht broker that chartered out the Still Water. The 78-foot yacht features satellite Internet, four state-rooms and a wet bar.

"It's a little bubble. You can have the comforts of home in Havana," said Jim Friedlander, president of Academic Arrangements Abroad, which helped organize the trip.

Cuban tourism officials and U.S. boating aficionados and entrepreneurs are salivating about a possible return to the go-go days before Cuba's communist revolution, when thousands of well-heeled Americans a year sailed to Havana for long weekends of tropical leisure.

"What's the natural market for nautical tourism in

Cuba? The United States of America — the No. 1 country in the international yachting market," said Jose Miguel Diaz Escrich, commodore of the International Hemingway Nautical Club of Cuba. "We're talking about tens of thousands of yachts that might come."

Fidel Castro in 2005 called cruise ships "floating hotels" that "leave their trash, their empty cans and papers for a few miserable cents." But under his brother and successor as president, Raul Castro, the government appears to have no such reservations.

Cuba has been rapidly approving port calls by U.S. cruise ships and planning new marinas with thousands of slips for yachts in the polluted Bay of Havana and at the white-sand resort of Varadero, about a 90-minute drive away.

Even the first stirrings of a boating boom are giving rise to surreal, startling contrasts as increasing numbers of expensive pleasure boats ply waters where Cuban fishermen bob on taped-together chunks of packing foam and a rising flood of emigrants head north on rickety rafts. □



A security guard walks beside the U.S. yacht Still Water, moored at the Hemingway Marina in Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015. After four hours smooth sailing from Key West, Florida, the Still Water pulled into Havana's Hemingway Marina. The normalization of the long-tortured U.S.-Cuba relationship is transforming the 90 miles between the U.S. and Cuba back into a playground for hulking cruise ships and sleek luxury yachts.

(AP Photo/Desmond Boylan)

grills, 250 channels of satellite TV and a just-in-case plan for rescuing stranded Cuban rafters encountered in the Florida Straits.

smoked salmon and pastries, then boarded an air-conditioned Cuban government bus for a day of touring the city.

better lives in the United States. Now, normalization of the long-tortured U.S.-Cuba relationship is transforming the 90 miles be-

Mexico fines debt collectors \$12 million for harassment

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Complaints about harassment by debt collectors have more than tripled in Mexico, with Mexicans unhappy over late-night or early-morning phone calls dunning them for debts they often don't even owe. The head of the country's agency for protecting

bank customers, Mario di Constanzo, said Friday that it has levied

about \$12 million in fines against collection agencies that work for banks or other financial entities. Di Constanzo said 16,201 complaints were registered in the first six months of this year, compared to 4,997 in

the same period of 2014. He said about half of this year's complaints involved people getting calls about debts they didn't owe.

The next biggest causes of complaints were late-night calls or calls in which collectors used threats or insults. Both are prohibited by federal

regulations.

Mexico's banking sector has a high level of past-due debt.

But banks in Mexico don't do a very good job keeping track of their customers, checking out references or making sure the phone numbers listed on credit applications

actually belong to borrowers. The collection agencies they contract are even less careful.

Under current laws, anyone complaining of harassment must attend a hearing and prove the debt isn't owed before the calls can be stopped. □



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La Cabana Beach Resort Celebrates its 25th Anniversary!



EAGLE BEACH - A large crowd of locals, visitors and resort associates enjoyed a Carnival show, a fantastic DJ and three live bands, D'Licious, Rincon Boyz and Tsunami, during the parking lot happening this past weekend. All proceeds from the festive event were earmarked as a donation for a local school, Colegio Hilario Angela. La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino wanted to extend a

road, from financial to legal, managerial and organizational issues. However, the company has always made it a point to keep its focus on its people. When in 2005 the resorts broke off ties with the previous management company, the Board of Directors and Members of Management rehired all of the associates, with their many years of service and benefits, and with great enthusiasm started all

the same manner, and even better. As proof of that philosophy, more than 60% of associates demonstrated their loyalty, love and passion for the resort, its guests, members, Management, and the Board of Directors for more than 15 career years, and others are celebrating their 25th anniversary along with the property. La Cabana has always enjoyed a solid and loyal base of associates, local and inter-

tion, La Cabana guarantees a salary increase based on performance, including a Christmas bonus, and the additional benefits surpass any other benefits offered at other resorts. La Cabana complies with all government laws and more, and management is convinced that it must invest in the development of the associates and dedicates time and effort to training. English and Spanish language classes

tion, Hall of Fame citation by Trip Advisor, having received the Excellence Award for 5 consecutive years, EarthCheck Platinum Award, having received Silver and Gold for 10 consecutive years, and the fact that La Cabana is currently ranked in the top 10 amongst 53 Bluegreen Timeshare Resorts.

The resort practices an "open door" policy, and to improve communication, a short meetings is conducted every day in each department, as part of the preparation to serve guests and reach the goal of creating memorable vacations. Additionally, there are monthly departmental meetings, meetings with the General Manager/Human Resources, individual meetings and a General Meeting for all associates every quarter. Annually the resort asks associates to complete an electronic survey to measure their satisfaction, and the resulting concerns and suggestions are addressed immediately. The resort regularly invites speakers or local experts to come and lecture on topics of health, culture, finances, local organizations and much more, in order to educate associates. Annually, health weeks and wellness programs are hosted to measure weight, cholesterol, blood pressure, eyesight, sugar levels, etc. Together with the resort's Health Club staff, a weight loss program with attractive incentives for all associates, is offered every year. All associates have accident insurance, medical disability, life insurance and provisions for funerals, medical, eye and dental care, with the option to include their immediate family.



national members, and the resort maintained its popularity and attraction thanks to the exceptional services rendered to repeaters who choose to come and vacation here every year. The resort is also immensely proud of the fact that the majority of its Management team consists of Aruban locals.

Every year, without excep-

are offered, as well as training specific to the scope of work, including training in service areas. Optimizing service and reaching guest-oriented goals, is always the focus. Consequently, results of training seminars led to different awards, such as the "Shoco" awards, Interval International Premier status, the highest international dis-



heartfelt thank you to the entire community of Aruba, for the support of its business and its guests over the past quarter of a century. Managing a resort of 449 rooms is at times a challenge, says Jessica Franken, Assistant General Manager. The resort has faced small and large bumps of varying nature along the

over again raising La Cabana to the desired level of service and guest satisfaction.

As clearly demonstrated, the heart of the resort beats for its associates and guests. Management has always believed that if you treat associates right, they will in turn treat guests in



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La Cabana Beach Resort Celebrates its 25th Anniversary!



committed to the community it lives in, and feels that it has a responsibility towards the community.

As such, the resort holds many charitable activities to help local organizations and groups, and a few years ago it even adopted a school, Colegio Hilario Angela and decided to direct its efforts at the school, with the goal of fixing, renovating and maintaining the school continuously.

The resort also keeps the wellbeing of the teachers and students, in mind, sponsoring books, equipment, materials, and per-

help propel Aruba forward. Under the management hotelier Joe Najjar and the Board of Directors, an intensive renovation project of rooms, lobby, public areas, landscaping/parking lot was undertaken, creating the opportunity to build a Casino in its lobby, beautify the property, and plan for the future, to also renovate the pool and surrounding areas, the pool bar, recreation areas and the creation of a splash pad for kids.

With core values such as CARE, LOYALTY, APPRECIATION and PASSION, the wellbeing and develop-

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Every week, associates have the chance to enjoy a massage from a professional during work hours, as an added benefit. The resort offers psychological support when necessary, to help associates overcome any difficult situation in their personal lives. La Cabana offers up its chapel for its associates to come together and support each other spiritually when they're facing a difficult situation. Every month, the departments work on a "Themed Luncheon" to promote team work and spark creativity.

Every week the resort compiles the electronic survey from guests and, aside from reviewing all issues mentioned, names of exceptional associates are

identified, and every time a guest mentions the name of an associate, that associate receives a minimum of 5 stars, which are valued at Awg 3.00 per star. The stars are then saved and exchanged against an endless supply of articles such as gas vouchers, phone cards, supermarket credit, bus tickets and more.

As an additional show of appreciation, associates of the month, supervisors and managers are elected as well as the team of the quarter and year-end awards, besides seasonal celebrating such as Appreciation Day, Valentine's Day, the Local Language Day, Aruba's Flag and Anthem Day, Autism Day, Mother's- and Father's Day, Family Day, House-keeping Week, Tourism Day, Song Festivals, Christmas dinners and more.



As the resort's mission states: La Cabana Beach Resort & Casino offer guests genuine personalized service with quality products in a safe and healthy environment. The resort is also

sonal development sessions. This is all done with the expectation of creating a positive atmosphere where the teachers can mold the students into a generation of professionals who will

ment of the associates and the resort's guests are the company's primary concern. The resort will continue to deliver exceptional service to guests, so they can continue to visit Aruba and support our tourism and economy. Management and associates are very proud of the 25th anniversary, operating as a stable and independent local resort with incredible people.

Last but not least, Management would like to say thank you to the people of Aruba for their loyalty and contribution to the success of the parking lot event, celebrating La Cabana's 25th anniversary. □



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Louise Suggs, LPGA founder and Hall of Famer, dies

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Louise Suggs, an LPGA founder and among the best women to ever play with 61 wins and 11 majors, died Friday. She was 91.

The LPGA Tour said she died in a hospice in Sarasota, Florida, of natural causes.

Suggs was perhaps the most influential player in LPGA history. Along with being one of the 13 founders in 1950, she served as LPGA president three times and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame and the LPGA Teach and Professional Hall of Fame.

"I feel like the LPGA lost a parent," Commissioner Mike Whan said. "But I'm extremely confident that her vision, her competitiveness, and most importantly her spirit, will be with this organization forever."

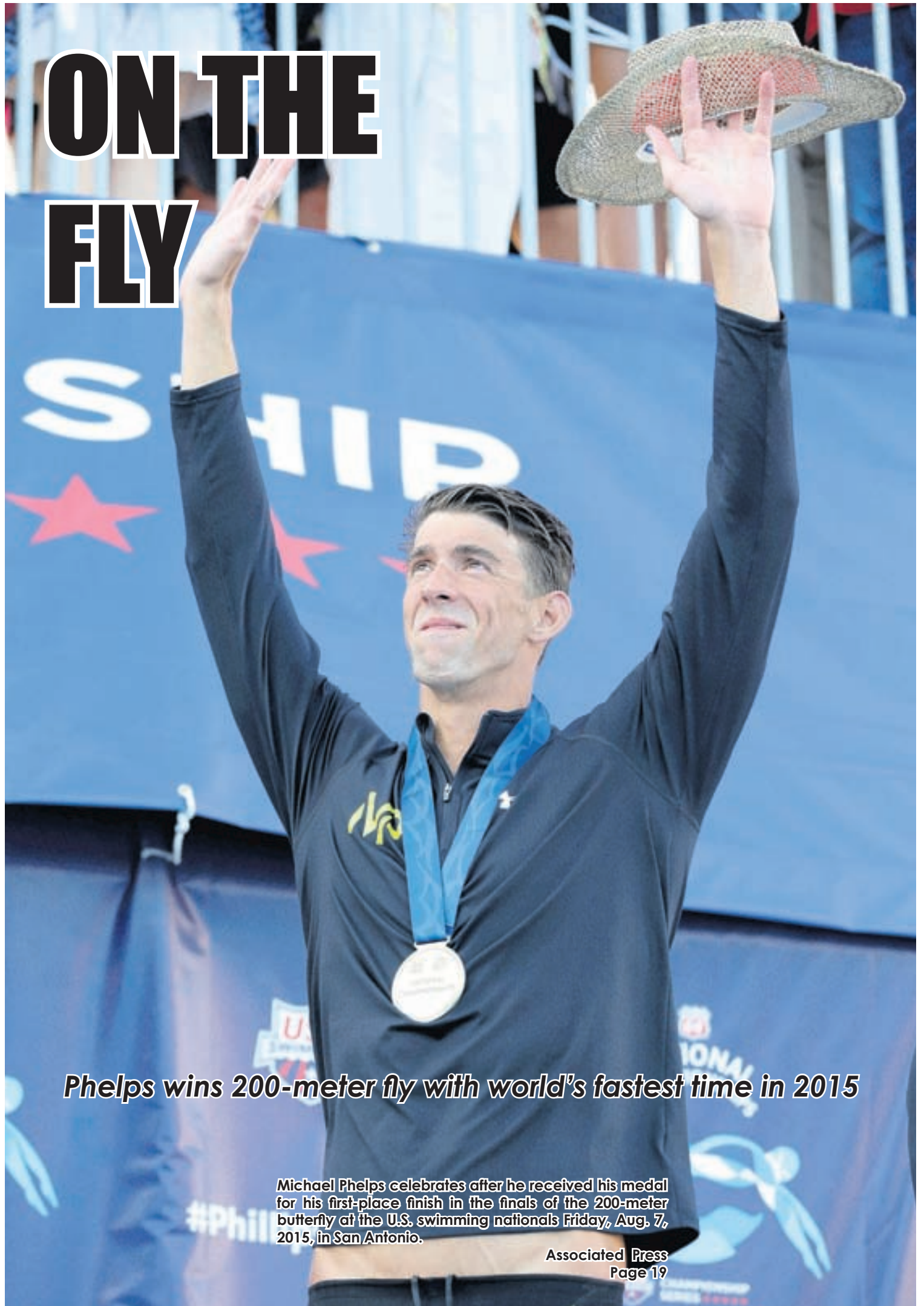
The LPGA Tour rookie of the year award is named after Suggs. She won every season of her professional career and was the first player to capture the career Grand Slam at the 1957 LPGA Championship. She finished her career with \$190,251 in earnings.

A steady presence at LPGA's biggest events, her support of women's golf never wavered and Suggs never lost her sharp tongue. She was at the LPGA awards dinner in 2007 where Angela Park won the Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year award by earning \$983,922.

"I wish like hell I could have played for this kind of money," Suggs said. "But if not for me, they wouldn't be playing for it, either."

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ON THE FLY



Phelps wins 200-meter fly with world's fastest time in 2015

Michael Phelps celebrates after he received his medal for his first-place finish in the finals of the 200-meter butterfly at the U.S. swimming nationals Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, in San Antonio.

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Family files wrongful death suit against Tony Stewart

MARY ESCH

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The family of a young driver struck and killed by Tony Stewart's car on an upstate New York dirt track filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the NASCAR star Friday.

The lawsuit was filed as Stewart returns to Watkins Glen International on the one-year anniversary of the fatal crash.

The lawsuit accuses Stewart of gross negligence, saying he gunned his engine and put his car into a skid as 20-year-old Kevin Ward Jr. walked on the track after a crash at Canandaigua Motorsports Park on Aug. 9, 2014. The car struck Ward, and he was killed.

A grand jury declined to indict Stewart, who at the time called it "100 percent an accident." A toxicology report found Ward had marijuana in his system.



Tony Stewart climbs into his car before practice for Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Watkins Glen International, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, in Watkins Glen, N.Y. **Associated Press**

There was no comment from Stewart, who was with his crew in the garage before a final practice Friday afternoon. Stewart-Haas Racing, the NASCAR

Sprint Cup team Stewart co-owns, also declined comment. Ward's parents, Kevin and Pamela Ward, requested a jury trial seeking unspecified monetary

damages, claiming wrongful death, reckless conduct, gross negligence and their son's terror and suffering. "Our son was truly the light of our lives and we miss him

terribly every day," they said in a statement. "Our hope is that this lawsuit will hold Tony Stewart responsible for killing our son and show him there are real consequences when someone recklessly takes another person's life."

There was no immediate comment from Stewart.

Stewart, who frequently races in extracurricular events as a hobby, was participating in a sprint race on a dirt track when Ward crashed into a wall after a bump with Stewart. The lawsuit notes Stewart's reputation for having a temper and claims that Stewart deliberately veered toward Ward after the collision.

"Stewart could have easily acted reasonably and with prudence to avoid striking Ward, just as all other drivers had done as they passed Ward during the yellow caution flag," the lawsuit states. □

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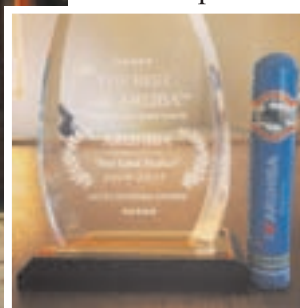


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Phelps wins 200 fly at nationals with fastest time since '09



Michael Phelps celebrates his win in the finals of the 200-meter butterfly at the U.S. swimming nationals Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, in San Antonio. Associated Press

PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Leaving no doubt that he'll be ready for the Rio Olympics, Michael Phelps turned in his fastest time in the 200-meter butterfly since setting the world record in a high-tech suit six years ago. Phelps' stunner — 1 minute, 52.94 seconds at the U.S. national championships — came after months of lackluster performances and problems away from the pool. It would have been good enough for gold at the

2012 London Olympics, where he finished second behind Chad le Clos' time of 1:52.96, or to win at this year's world championships in Kazan, Russia, where Hungary's Laszlo Cseh took the title in 1:53.48. "This next year is going to be pretty damn fun," said Phelps, who unleashed one of the biggest celebrations of his career when he saw the time. Phelps held up one finger — leaving no doubt he's No. 1 — and pounded the water defiantly, first with one hand, then with both.

It showed just how much he wanted to post a fast time at nationals after being denied a spot at the world championships. Phelps was kicked off the U.S. team for Kazan as part of his punishment for a second drunken-driving arrest. So he came to San Antonio and posted a time that will surely send ripples all the way to Russia. "I wish I was there," Phelps said, "but I'm glad I'm here." With the stands nearly full — despite another 100-degree day in south

Texas — and fans packed around the railings at one end of the pool, Phelps seized the moment. He went out in 25.14 seconds, significantly faster than he went during the morning preliminaries, and left no doubt that he was racing more than just the seven other swimmers in the "A" final. He kept up the blistering pace right to the end, touching the wall a full body-length ahead of

runner-up Jack Conger (1:54.54). It was Phelps' best performance in one of his signature events since he set the world record of 1:51.51 at the 2009 world championships in Rome — a meet remembered for its assault on the record book with nearly everyone wearing rubberized suits that were soon banned by FINA for making a mockery of the sport. □

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Jim Furyk builds big lead at Bridgestone Invitational

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Jim Furyk is two rounds away from erasing a couple of bad memories at Firestone. Even with a bogey on his last hole for the second straight day, Furyk did plenty right Friday in the Bridgestone Invitational for another 4-under 66 that gave him a four-shot going into the weekend of this World Golf Championship. Furyk ran off three birdies in a four-hole stretch late in his round to reach 8-under 132.

It's a familiar position for Furyk at Firestone, where he has done everything right except leave with the trophy. During a seven-hole playoff against Tiger Woods in 2001, Furyk missed three birdie putts inside 12 feet for the win, and Woods finally closed him out on the 79th hole of the tournament.

More painful was three years ago, when Furyk led wire-to-wire and was in the 18th fairway on Sunday when one bad swing led to a double bogey and he lost by one.

Furyk doesn't see this as a shot at redemption.

"I would say that I'm disappointed I've never won here," he said. "It's one of my favorite courses we play. But to have like a



Jim Furyk tees off on the 12th hole during the second round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015, in Akron, Ohio.

Associated Press

chip on my shoulder? No. It's another year and opportunity, and we're only halfway. I'm going to try to do the same things this weekend and not really look at the leaderboard that much and go try to shoot under par."

It might take every bit of that considering the cast behind him.

Bubba Watson (66) and Dustin Johnson (67), whose power is suited for this monster of a course, joined Shane Lowry of Ireland (66) at 4-under 136. Henrik Stenson (69) and Graeme McDowell (71) were among

those another shot behind. Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth got within two shots of the lead when he chipped in for birdie on the third hole (his 12th of the round). He followed with back-to-back bogeys to drop back about the time Furyk was starting to pull away.

The wind was swirling, and Spieth says he didn't miss a shot during a four-hole stretch when he made two bogeys. The good news? In his sixth round at Firestone, Spieth finally broke par with a 68 that left him six shots behind.

"It goes with the bigger goal of trying to give myself a chance to win this championship," Spieth said. "It wasn't going to happen shooting even."

Spieth would have to win this week to replace Rory McIlroy at No. 1 in the world. Only 19 players from the 77-man field remained under par. "When it's playing firm and fast, it's tough," Johnson said. "Jim shooting 8 under for two rounds, that's really impressive. Obviously, he's doing everything pretty well, which this golf course calls for. Every club in your bag you've

got to hit well." Even with 17 wins on the PGA Tour, Furyk knows disappointment as well as anyone. During his four-year victory drought he ended this year at Hilton Head, Furyk had seven runner-up finishes that included two majors.

But he recently read a story that mentioned the amount of scars that golfers suffer from losing and how much it affects them. "Everyone's got them out here," he said. "There isn't anyone that doesn't have scars and doesn't have a memory when they step up on a tee where the last two times they hit it left in the water and then you've got to step up on the tee and rip one down the middle. So it's happened to all of us. It's how you handle those situations that end up making or breaking you and your career."

Furyk's win at Hilton Head put him in the conversation for the World Golf Hall of Fame — 17 wins, a major, and 20 years of so much consistency that he has amassed more than \$60 million in earnings.

For now, he'll settle for another Hall of Fame.

Furyk, whose grew up in Pennsylvania and whose parents are from Pittsburgh, struck up a relationship with Jerome Bettis years ago. □

Louise Suggs

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Her efficient, powerful swing marked her for greatest as a teenager in Georgia. She began to get national acclaim when she won the 1947 U.S. Women's Amateur, the 1948 Women's British Amateur and the 1949 U.S. Women's Open, beating fierce rival Babe Zaharias by 14 shots. Ben Hogan once said after watching Suggs swing that her swing "combines all the desirable elements of efficiency, timing and coordination."

"It appears to be completely effortless," Hogan said. "Yet despite her slight

build, she is consistently as long off the tee and through the fairway as any of her feminine contemporaries in competitive golf." Bob Hope once nicknamed her "Miss Sluggs" for how far she could hit the ball.

"Like a parent, she cared deeply for her LPGA family and took great pride in their successes," Whan said. "She always made time to hear my problems and challenges. Her personal guidance was priceless. Like a parent, I think she was even more proud of the LPGA players of today



In this March 15, 1959 file photo, Louise Suggs of Atlanta, Ga., holds up the winner's cup and a check for \$1,000 after winning the Women's Titleholders golf championship in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press

than she was of her own playing results".

Born in Atlanta on Sept. 7,

1923, she began playing golf on the Lithia Springs golf course that her father

managed. She won the Georgia Women's Amateur twice, the North and South three times and the Women's Western Amateur twice.

She was a contemporary of the great Bobby Jones, her idol in Georgia.

And long before Annika Sorenstam made headlines for playing on the PGA Tour, Suggs had her own famous competition against the men.

She took part in a 72-hole exhibition

on what she once described as an executive course in West Palm Beach, Florida, in 1961. It was called the Royal Poinciana Invitational, featuring the likes of Suggs and Patty Berg, Sam Snead and Dow Finsterwald. □

Cilic, Nishikori set up U.S. Open final rematch in Washington

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exactly 11 months after meeting in the U.S. Open final, Marin Cilic and Kei Nishikori will face each other again on a hard court.

The rematch comes in Saturday's semifinals of the Citi Open, a tuneup event for the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

able to get the win."

Said Nishikori: "For me, it's great motivation to play Marin."

"I'm sure that I am a better player than last year," added Nishikori, the only Japanese man to participate in a major final. "I think I have more patience and (am) a more solid baseline player and I try to be a little more aggressive than before."

final of the year. He improved to 41-9 in 2015; only No. 1 Novak Djokovic and No. 3 Andy Murray have won more matches, with 48 apiece.

No. 8 Cilic, meanwhile, is only 17-10 and this will be his second semifinal of the season. He missed a chunk of time, including the Australian Open, because of an injured right shoulder.

ing because of a left abdominal strain while trailing 4-0.

"It seemed like straightaway, something wasn't right with her," said Stosur, adding that while she never wants to take advantage of an opponent's injury, she was "not going to complain" about spending less than a half-hour on court.

Stosur faces Sloane Ste-

phens on Saturday. Stephens picked up a 6-4, 6-4 victory over 19-year-old wild-card entry Louisa Chirico. The other women's semifinal will be No. 1-seeded Ekaterina Makarova against Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. Makarova beat No. 6 Irina-Camelia Begu 6-4, 2-6, 6-1, while Pavlyuchenkova edged Christina McHale 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (5). □



Sloane Stephens, of the United States, returns the ball to compatriot Louisa Chirico during their quarterfinal match at the Citi Open tennis tournament, Friday Aug. 7, 2015, in Washington.

Associated Press

Reigning U.S. Open champion Cilic moved into the final four in Washington for the first time since 2010 by beating 18-year-old Alexander Zverev 7-5, 7-6 (3) on Friday.

Earlier, the second-seeded Nishikori withstood 15 aces and managed to break Sam Groth's big serve twice for a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

On Sept. 8, 2014, Cilic beat Nishikori in straight sets at Flushing Meadows, the only Grand Slam title match for either. They have not played each other since.

"Emotions-wise, it's going to be completely different. For the Slam final, we were both pretty nervous," the third-seeded Cilic said. "I'm going to, for sure, take out some things, some critical things, that were working for me to be

This the first time the Citi Open field included both men's finalists from the previous year's U.S. Open. "Win or lose," Cilic said, "it's going to give me a lot of feedback for my game."

On the other half of the draw, eighth-seeded John Isner — twice the runner-up in Washington — delivered 20 aces and defeated Ricardas Berankis of Lithuania 6-3, 5-7, 6-3. Isner's 52-game streak of service holds ended with a break at love to drop the second set, but the American quickly rebounded, grabbing a 3-0 lead in the third. Isner next faces 15th-seeded Jack Sock or Steve Johnson, who met later Friday in an all-American quarterfinal.

The fifth-ranked Nishikori got to his sixth ATP semi-

"His game is more consistent than mine is. That's the reality," Cilic said. "Still, for me, I feel that my form can go up. It's on the way up. So that's a very positive thing. We'll see tomorrow how things are going to play out."

Against Groth, Nishikori saved all four break points he faced en route to reaching the semifinals for the first time in five appearances in Washington. He also managed to successfully deal with Groth's serves just often enough.

"Some of them, I couldn't really see," Nishikori said. "When it was 145 or 147 (mph), even if I guessed, it was too fast, so it wasn't easy to return."

In the women's quarterfinals, 2011 U.S. Open champion Sam Stosur advanced when Monica Niculescu stopped play-

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Bettis, Seau headline diverse Hall of Fame group

BY WILL GRAVES
AP SPORTS WRITER

CANTON, Ohio (AP) - Tim Brown kept doing the math as the years ticked by and the phone call from the Pro Football Hall of Fame never came. So did Charles Haley.

Not Jerome Bettis.

Forget the politics. Forget the bold-faced names nearing eligibility (hello La-Dainian Tomlinson). Forget about the statistics, the wholly appropriate nickname, or even the Super Bowl ring that defined his singular career. The sixth-leading rusher in NFL history didn't want to hear any of it.

Bettis wanted his final steps as a football player to take place in Canton. Badly. So while Haley and Brown did their best to remain politically correct every time they were passed over, the Pittsburgh Steelers running back went the other way. "I didn't care about the guys coming up behind me," Bettis said Friday. "I cared about me! C'mon. Get me in!"

Relax. After five years of waiting (and more than a little campaigning), there's a bust waiting

for The Bus, who will have plenty of company on stage when the Class of 2015 officially joins football's most exclusive fraternity Saturday night.

The diverse eight-man group Bettis headlines represents the value of patience. Linebacker Junior Seau is the only one in the group to get in during his first year of eligibility. The rest are football lifers who wondered if they'd have to spend the rest of their lives waiting on the front step hoping to be invited inside.

Haley collected five Super Bowl rings and 100 1-2 career sacks playing for San Francisco and Dallas, but was puzzled for a decade why the guys he won titles with got their due and not him.

Brown worked 17 seasons as one of the league's most productive wide receivers - 16 in the unique crucible



Members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2015 wave to the crowd after receiving their gold jackets Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, during the enshrinees' dinner in Canton, Ohio.

that came with playing for Al Davis' Raiders. Brown was a game breaker who made up with relentless efficiency what he lacked in flash or ego on his way to 1,094 receptions. Despite the impressive resume, it didn't stop doubt from creeping in as contemporaries Jerry Rice, Cris Carter and Andre Reid earned their gold jackets. Brown even told his wife that if he didn't make it in 2015 he might as well "put this Hall of Fame thing to bed and pick it up 10 years from now."

"I was definitely one of the guys I thought when I finally did hear the call I'd be like 'it's about time,'" Brown said. "But man I couldn't do anything but cry."

Like Brown, Kansas City mainstay Will Shields never won a title. Still, he visited Hawaii so often after making the Pro Bowl - 12 times in all - he should have bought a time share. It took four years for him to become only the third right guard

enshrined.

"You're not sure how to act," Shields said Friday. "You wonder, 'How are you supposed feel if you get in the first year, the second?' Then by the fourth year, you're pretty docile by then."

Just no less grateful.

Center Mick Tinglehoff snapped the ball in four Super Bowls for Minnesota, most of the time to Fran Tarkenton. Tarkenton will return the favor when the Hall of Fame quarterback presents the 75-year-old Tinglehoff nearly four decades after their final play together.

Bill Polian served as the architect for Buffalo's rise under Marv Levy, Jim Kelly and Thurman Thomas, then repeated the feat in Indianapolis with Tony Dungy and Peyton Manning.

The 72-year-old Polian enters as a contributor. So does Ron Wolf, who hired Mike Holmgren, traded for Brett Favre and returned Green Bay to its "Titletown

USA" status as general manager in the 1990s.

Wolf said he never gave football immortality a thought. Neither did Polian, who figured his job was to find Hall of Famers, not become one.

Now they're both in.

So is the one member of the incoming class whose spot in Canton was never in doubt, but whose legacy is complex.

Seau spent 20 years stamping San Diego, Miami and New England with his brand of frenetic chaos. A six-time All-Pro, Seau could beat you with his smarts or his ridiculous speed. This is the player who spent his time at the Pro Bowl challenging running backs to the occasional foot race just for fun. Press Shields on what kind of headaches Seau presented and Shields just laughs.

"Everything made blocking Junior a problem," Shields said. "You could never find him because he'd always be moving from one place

to another. He understood what you were trying to do to him. He'd try to anticipate it and he'd try to beat you there before you got there."

Perhaps it's fitting that Seau reached the Hall as fast as possible. Yet his induction is also a reminder of a sport wrestling with its own inherent violence. Seau took his life in 2012 and his family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the

NFL, claiming his death was due in part to the countless hits he sustained during his career.

Seau's absence at a weekend that serves as the official kickoff of another season is acute. Sydney Seau and her brothers will represent their father Saturday night. Sydney will make remarks but not give a full-blown speech. It's hardly necessary to secure her dad's legacy.

"We did go to battle sometimes on the field," Bettis said. "He never quit. He kept coming." □

Review: Stand-alone gadgets trump all-in-one devices

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NEW YORK (AP) — When Apple announced new iPod music players a few weeks ago, many people asked why anyone would need iPods when smartphones can play music and more. I had that question myself — until I remembered I've been carrying an iPod almost every day, mostly for my runs.

There are times a stand-alone device such as an iPod works better than a jack-of-all-trades like a smartphone. A stand-alone device does one or two things, but does them really well.

Of course, this means one more thing to buy and carry, so the phone is often simpler. But here are ways you might find a stand-alone device preferable.

MUSIC PLAYERS

Sure, I can listen to music on my smartphone, but it's not convenient on a run. The iPod Nano is much easier to carry, and all the music and podcasts on it doesn't eat up space on my phone.

Apple just updated all three iPod models, but only the iPod Touch changed significantly. The Touch is es-



A Garmin Forerunner 310XT GPS Sports Running Multisports Speed & Distance Watch, an Amazon Kindle, Apple iPod Shuffle and a Canon S110 camera are arranged for a photo in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015. Associated Press

entially an iPhone without the cellular connection, so it isn't really a stand-alone music player. The ones that are — the Nano and the Shuffle — got only minor updates, namely in the choices of color.

Then again, as a device designed to play audio, neither needs a super-fast processor. The \$49 Shuffle is cheaper than the \$149 Nano, but the Shuffle lacks a display and gives you fewer options to choose

songs, forward or rewind. The Nano also has an FM receiver and fitness-tracking capabilities — though a stand-alone fitness device is better for that.

FITNESS DEVICES

I've worn smartwatches like the Apple Watch and general-purpose fitness trackers like the Fitbit. I've also used my phone and the Nano to track my workouts.

None of that beats my Garmin GPS sports watch, which specializes in track-

ing running, cycling and swimming workouts.

That's not to say the other devices aren't good. The Apple Watch is quite accurate when you have an iPhone with you, as it borrows the phone's GPS. The high-end Fitbit Surge model comes with GPS, as does Sony's SmartWatch 3 and Microsoft's Band.

But the Garmin watches I've used do a lot more. You can record splits, such as the time it takes to com-

plete a lap. For pace, you can choose to display current pace, average pace for the whole run or average pace since the last split.

The model I currently use, the Forerunner 310XT, is bulky and isn't meant for all-day use. There's no touch screen or anything fancy. But it's great for what it's supposed to do. Plus, because it's an older model, you can find one for well below the \$250 suggested retail price.

E-BOOK READERS

With a stand-alone reader, I'm not constantly tempted to check email and Facebook, as I am reading on a tablet. In addition, e-reader screens are typically better than tablets outdoors because they have to be only good for displaying black-and-white text — not colorful video, photos or magazines. With tablets, you have glare.

I've found Amazon's Kindles among the best e-readers. They tend to be slimmer and lighter than other readers, and they have reading-related extras, such as more information on characters, places and terms in a novel. □

Homeland official asks Black Hat crowd to build trust

BREE FOWLER

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — A top Obama administration official says the government and the data security community need to focus on building trust so information about cyber threats can be shared between them for the greater good. Alejandro Mayorkas, deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, says he recognizes that a trust deficit exists between the government and those who deal with data security, but says that needs to change.

"The best way to address the trust deficit is to build trust," Mayorkas said during his address Thursday at the final day of the annual

Black Hat hacker conference in Las Vegas. "That's probably not an overnight process. It's probably an incremental process, but let's take the steps we need to."

But several people in the crowd of hackers and information security professionals expressed concern that any information about cyber threats shared with the government could be used against them.

The federal government also has come under fire in recent months for its own failures in cybersecurity.

Last month, Katherine Archuleta, director of the federal Office of Personnel Management, resigned in the wake of a government data breach that is be-

lieved to be the biggest in U.S. history.

Hackers downloaded Social Security numbers, health histories or other highly sensitive data from OPM's databases, affecting more than five times the 4.2 million people the government first disclosed this year. Since then, the administration acknowledged a second, related breach of systems housing private data that individuals submit during background investigations to obtain security clearances. Among the data the hackers stole: criminal, financial, health, employment and residency histories, as well as information about families and acquaintances. The second, larger attack



Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas speaks at the Black Hat conference Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, in Las Vegas. Associated Press

affected more than 19 million people who applied for clearances, as well as nearly 2 million of their spouses, housemates and others.

Mayorkas acknowledged that the cybersecurity of some government agencies is more advanced than others, but added that the White House has

recently taken drastic steps to heighten overall governmental cybersecurity. Meanwhile, it's also involved in ongoing efforts to invest in research and development in the area.

Later on Thursday, hackers Runa Sandvik and Michael Auger spoke about how they managed to hack a Wi-Fi-enabled rifle. □

STREET BRIEFS

Blue Bell recalling employees for its Alabama factory

BRENNHAM, Texas (AP) — Blue Bell Creameries said it is bringing back nearly 200 workers furloughed from an Alabama plant to resume production after state health officials gave the shutdown plant a clean bill of health. The Dallas Morning News reports the Brenham, Texas-based creamery was recalling 180 workers as it stockpiles ice cream in preparation for an eventual return to market. Production facilities in Oklahoma and Texas remain closed. Blue Bell underwent an extensive cleaning and decontamination process at its two Texas plants and its plants in Alabama and Oklahoma after listeria contamination was blamed for illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas. That triggered a crippling April recall that resulted in the May furlough of about 1,400 workers and layoffs of about 750 full-time and 700 part-time workers.

Winnebago says chief executive officially retired

FOREST CITY, Iowa (AP) — Recreational vehicle manufacturer Winnebago Industries says company president and CEO Randy Potts is retiring and former chief executive Robert Olson will return to lead the company until the position is filled with a permanent replacement. A company statement says Potts' retirement became effective Thursday. The company says his departure comes after discussions and it was collectively agreed that "this is the appropriate time for new leadership." A 32-year employee of the company based in Forest City, Iowa, Potts became president and CEO in 2011. The 64-year-old Olson retired in 2012 after 43 years with the company. He left the board last year. Third quarter profit posted in June was up slightly from a year ago. Sales of motor homes rose 7.4 percent while towable RV sales rose 16 percent. □

US consumer borrowing hits new record in June

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer borrowing hit another record in June, good news for the American economy.

Americans piled on another \$20.7 billion in debt in June, bringing total consumer borrowing to a record \$3.42 trillion, the Federal Reserve reported Friday.

In June, borrowing in the

category that includes auto and student loans rose by \$15.2 billion. Borrowing in the category that includes credit cards rose by \$5.5 billion.

The Fed's monthly report on credit does not cover home mortgages or other loans secured by real estate such as home equity loans.

Economists expect consumers to borrow and spend more the rest of the

year. That would boost growth in a country where consumer spending accounts for nearly 70 percent of economic activity. The American economy grew at annual rate of 0.6 percent from January to March and 2.3 percent from April through June. Economists expect growth to pick up to about a 3 percent pace the second half of the year.

Consumers are drawing

confidence from an improving job market. On Friday, the Labor Department said employers added 215,000 jobs in July and unemployment remained at a seven-year low 5.3 percent.

Over the past year, consumer borrowing is up 6.5 percent. Borrowing rose 7.7 percent in the student and auto loan category and 3.5 percent in the credit card category. □

Stocks drop after jobs report suggests rate hike

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NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks fell Friday after a solid jobs report kept alive the possibility that the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates as soon as next month.

It was the seventh straight day of declines for the Dow Jones industrial average. That's the longest losing streak for the index since

The low rates have been good for the stock market, helping fuel a bull-market run that has lasted since March, 2009.

U.S. employers added 215,000 jobs in July, the Labor Department said Friday, another signal that the job market is steadily improving and providing another key piece of data for the Fed as it assesses whether the U.S. economy

mer, director of global macro at Fidelity Investments, who predicts that the Fed will raise rates for the first time since 2006 in September.

The Dow lost 46.37 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,373.38. The index is now down 2.5 percent for the year, and is about 5 percent below its record close of 18,312.39 set May 19.

The Standard & Poor's 500

Capital Management had amassed a \$1 billion stake in the company and would press for changes there that would benefit investors.

In bond trading, yields on two- and three-year Treasury notes rose immediately after the jobs report was published.

The yield on the two-year note climbed to 0.72 percent from 0.69 percent on Thursday. It was as low as 0.41 percent in January. Shorter-dated Treasuries would be most affected by the Fed raising rates.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.17 percent from 2.23 percent a day earlier.

In currency trading, the dollar fell against the euro and the yen. The euro rose to 1.096 and the dollar dropped to 124.23 yen.

In other markets, the price of oil fell for the sixth trading day out of the last seven as the number of rigs operating in the U.S. rose, reinforcing expectations that a global supply glut will persist.

U.S. crude fell 79 cents to close at \$43.87 a barrel in New York, nearing a six-year low of \$43.46 set on March 17. For the week, crude fell 7 percent. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell 91 cents Friday to close at \$48.61 in London.

The slump in crude helped push energy stocks lower again. The sector is down 16 percent this year, making it the worst performer in the S&P 500. □



Trader Thomas McCauley works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks fell Friday after a solid jobs report kept alive the possibility that the Federal Reserve may raise interest rates as soon as next month. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

July 2011, when investors were worried that the U.S. would slip back into recession.

Stocks started the day lower after the report was released and stayed there throughout the day. Fed policy makers have held rates at close to zero for more than six years to stimulate the economy after the Great Recession.

can withstand higher interest rates.

While the number was slightly below the 225,000 jobs Wall Street economists were forecasting, traders said the data was still good enough to show that the U.S. economy is continuing to improve.

"Today's number was not weak enough to dissuade the Fed," said Jurrien Tim-

index fell 5.99 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,077.57 and the Nasdaq composite fell 12.90 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,043.54.

Among individual stocks, American Express was a big mover.

The credit card company jumped \$4.72, or 6.3 percent, to \$79.72 after Bloomberg reported that activist investors ValueAct

Verizon will drop phone contracts, end discounted cell phone sales

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Associated Press NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon, the nation's largest wireless provider, will stop offering phones at discounted prices when customers sign two-year service contracts. The move was made in the name of simplification, but it could result in some customers paying more. All wireless carriers have been trying to wean customers off subsidies, in which a \$649 iPhone 6 goes for \$200 with a two-year contract. Instead, carriers have been encouraging people to buy phones outright by paying monthly installments. A few carriers, namely Sprint, also offer leasing options for a lower monthly fee, but the customer doesn't get to keep and resell the phone without additional payments. Verizon is the second national carrier, after T-Mobile, to end subsidies entirely for new customers. Existing customers will be able to keep current plans. Verizon says there will be restrictions, but it didn't elaborate. For instance, it wasn't immediately clear whether customers keeping the current plan would still qualify for subsidized phones.

Under the new plans, which take effect Aug. 13, prices for voice, text and data services will drop by roughly \$20 per month compared with subsidized plans. But customers will no longer get the subsidies on the phone, valued at about \$19 for an iPhone 6. Verizon is also streamlining its data options to four main options, ranging from "small" at 1 gigabyte to "x-large" at 12 gigabytes, all sharable under family plans. Verizon currently has 15 options ranging from 0.5 gigabyte to 100 gigabytes. Two gigabytes is plenty for most single-line customers, though a few hours of streaming video could eat that up. □

SeaWorld attendance keeps falling, but shares inch up

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AP Business Writer

SeaWorld says its theme park attendance is still falling as animal activists protest the company's treatment of whales, but the company says some of its parks are doing better as it prepares to launch a pair of new roller coasters.

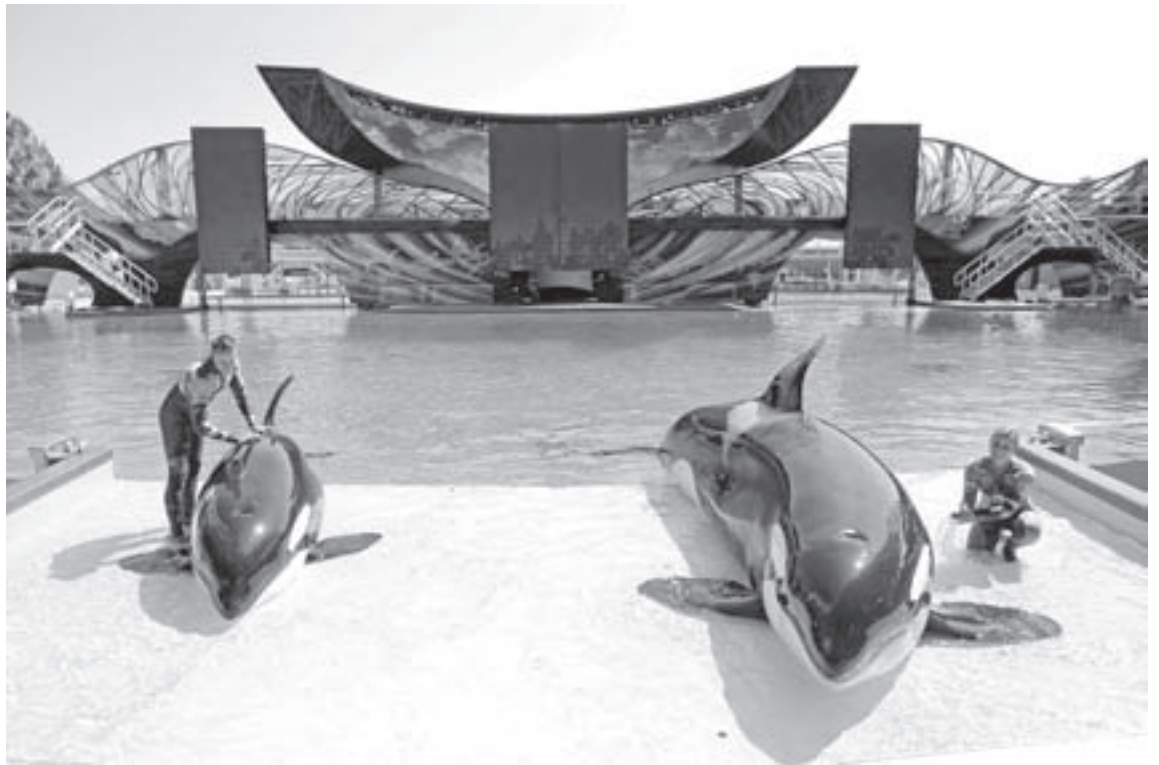
The company also maintained its annual outlook, and its shares rose more than 4 percent.

SeaWorld has been trying to recover from the 2013 documentary film "Blackfish" that suggested its treatment of captive orcas provokes violent behavior. Park attendance dropped after the release of the documentary and the company's stock has fallen 50 percent over the last two years.

The company says attendance at the original Sea World, in San Diego, is still hurting. Legislators in California have proposed banning performances featuring orcas, which has kept criticism of SeaWorld in the news.

The company says business in its Florida parks was better in the second quarter and says the biggest problem at those locations is tough competition, not fallout from "Blackfish." Its overall attendance fell about 2 percent.

New President and CEO Joel Manby said in May that competing theme parks in Orlando have done a better job of adding exciting attractions. The company is preparing a shark-themed roller coaster at SeaWorld Orlando and an Egypt-themed



SeaWorld trainer Ryan Faulkner, left, with killer whale Melia, and Michelle Shoemaker, right, with Kayla work on a routine for a show at the Orlando, Fla. theme park. SeaWorld suffered a decline in attendance during its most recent quarter, the company reported this week, as the amusement park operator struggled to restore its image amid a withering public campaign by animal activists.

(AP Photo/John Raoux)

coaster at Busch Gardens Tampa. Both are scheduled to open in 2016.

A year ago the company also said it will build new, larger orca environments at its parks. The first such tank will be in San Diego and it will open to the public in 2018.

SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. runs 11 theme parks, including three SeaWorld locations and two Busch Gardens parks.

Its second-quarter profit and revenue both fell short of expectations. On top of the hit to its reputation, SeaWorld said heavy rain in Texas and earlier Spring Break vacations hurt attendance at its parks.

Comcast Corp. said revenue from its Universal theme

parks climbed 26 percent in the second quarter.

The main reason was strong performance for "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter - Diagon Alley" in Orlando. The Walt Disney Co. also said theme park attendance improved in its latest quarter.

The Themed Entertainment Association says attendance at Universal Studios and Disney's Magic Kingdom improved last year while SeaWorld Orlando attendance fell 8 percent and attendance at Busch Gardens Tampa edged up 1 percent.

SeaWorld said those numbers were only estimates and not as reliable as its own figures, but it said overall attendance fell 4

percent for the year.

Despite the disappointing second-quarter results, the company repeated its guidance for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, a measure of how profitable a company's operations are.

The company reported a second-quarter profit of \$5.8 million, or 7 cents per share, down from \$37.4 million a year earlier.

Excluding one-time costs and gains, SeaWorld said it earned 22 cents per share. Its revenue fell to \$391.6 million.

Zacks Investment Research says analysts expected net income of 40 cents per share and \$397 million in revenue. □

McDonald's cuts 225 jobs to help revive business

NEW YORK (AP) — McDonald's says it is cutting about 225 corporate jobs as part of a push intended to revitalize its flagging business. The world's biggest hamburger chain says the cuts include about 135 positions at its corporate headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, where it says it has about 2,100 employees. An additional 90 positions are

being cut overseas, the company said. It says employees were notified last month.

The move comes as McDonald's Corp. CEO Steve Easterbrook has said he will target \$300 million in cost cuts by 2017 and reorganize the company so it can react more quickly to the changing fast-food industry. As sales have struggled,

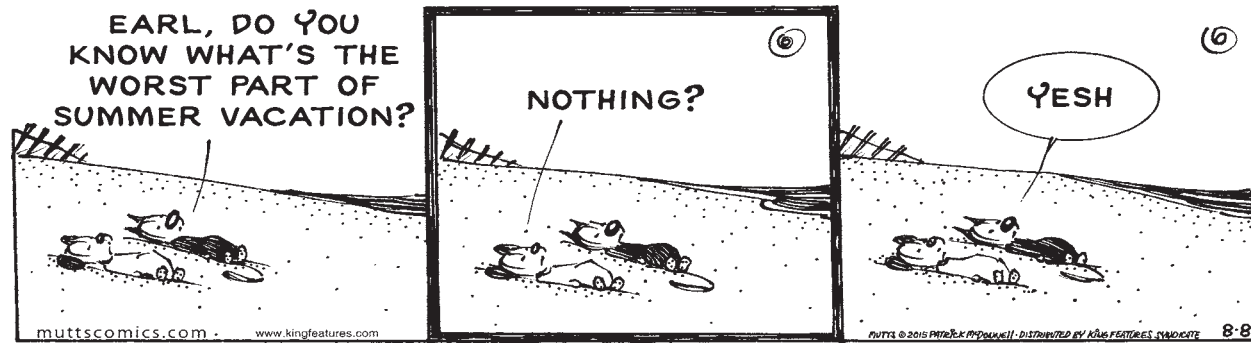
McDonald's has conceded that it failed to keep pace with changing tastes. In its flagship U.S. market, the company last month reported its seventh straight quarterly decline in sales at established locations.

McDonald's also cut 63 jobs in December and 65 more in January at its headquarters, said Jeff Mochal, a McDonald's spokesman.

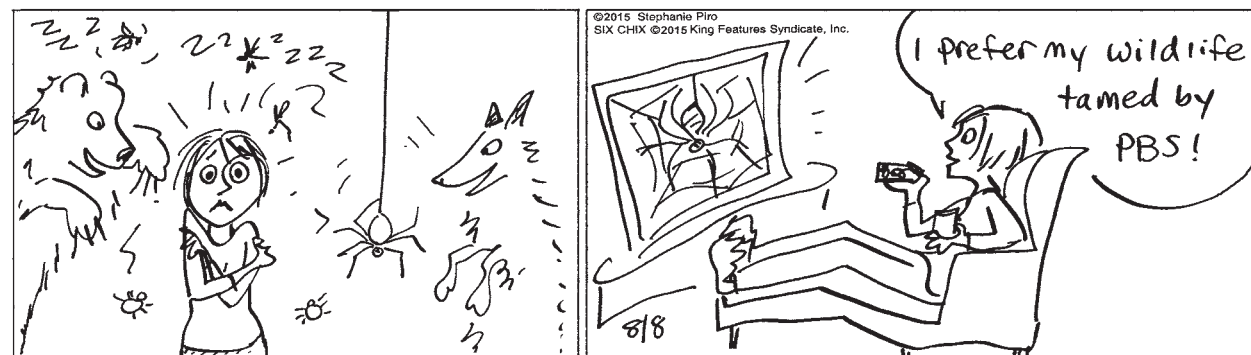
The previous cuts were related to the removal of a management layer between U.S. franchisees and the corporate office, he said.

The latest round of cuts in July, which affected a variety of positions for global operations, brings the total number of job reductions since late last year to more than 350. □

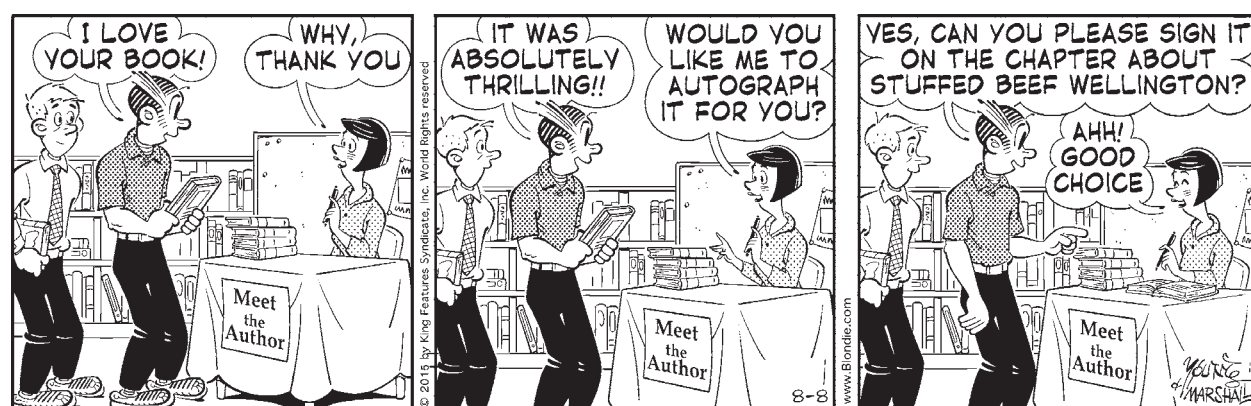
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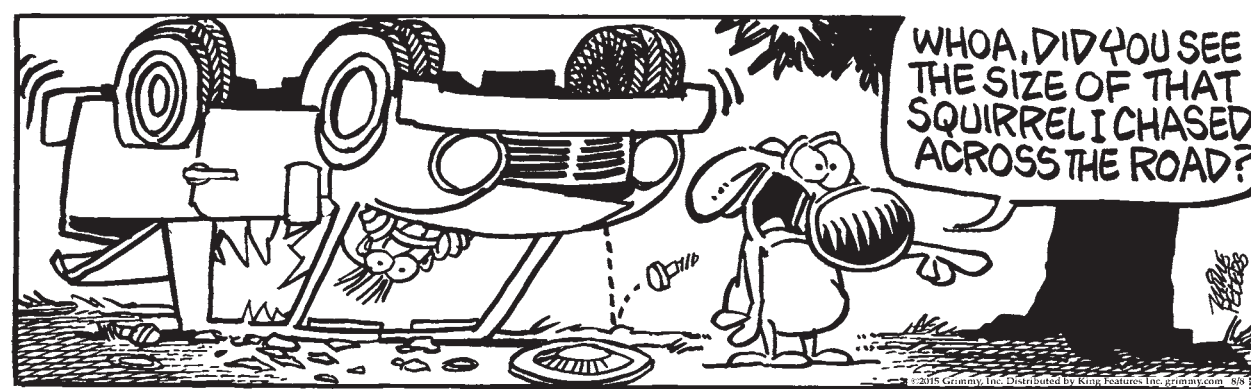
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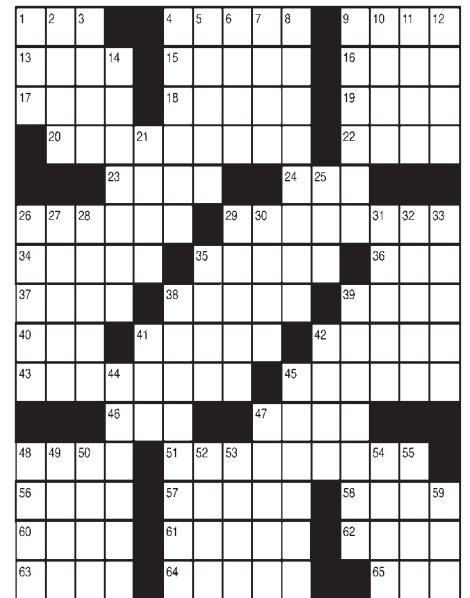
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Saudi Arabia: Video sparks concern over harassment of women

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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — In a minute-long video uploaded to YouTube last month, two young Saudi women walk along the waterfront promenade in the kingdom's Red Sea city of Jiddah as a group of young men jeer and follow them until the women become visibly agitated.

The video went viral and set off a rare public debate on the rights of women in a country which distinguishes itself as an Islamic state that upholds one of the strictest segregation of the sexes in the world.

Rights activists and commentators lambasted the men in the video for sexually harassing the women, who wore traditional black flowing robes known as abayas, along with face veils. Public outrage, expressed in the media and online, prompted a police investigation, and state-linked media reported that six of the boys involved were detained and questioned.

Then, things took a sharp turn.

Days later, another video emerged, purportedly of the same two young women. It was shared on semi-official news websites and carried on websites of privately-owned channels such as Rotana TV, which suggested it had been recorded just before the women were accosted.

In that video, the women are riding a quad bike on the promenade as the

young men watch. One of the women tosses toward the men an "agal," the black rope worn by Saudi men over their traditional checkered head cloths. The young men break out in laughter and hooting at the gesture.

Suddenly, the women were no longer seen as victims by viewers who accused them of being "indecent," and provoking the men.

Though men and women in Saudi Arabia work alongside each other in places such as banks and hospitals, unmarried men and women are prohibited from socially mixing — in both public and private — and women adhere to an ultraconservative dress code that often includes the full-face covering.

Saudi women are not allowed to drive cars and riding a quad bike is no less offensive in the more conservative provinces. But in Jiddah, the kingdom's cosmopolitan hub and seaside gateway for millions of Muslims pilgrims, some women do not cover their hair and the abayas are not always black. There are walkways where men and women, in sporty black robes, can stroll briskly alongside one another — public spaces that do not exist for average Saudi citizens in the capital, Riyadh.

Judicial adviser Yehia al-

Shahrani told the state-linked Sabq news website he believes the women acted in a "seductive and tempting" manner. He said it would be unjust to investigate and possibly refer the men to trial "without taking the same deserved action against those who seduced and aroused this to happen, which are the two girls."

He also blamed the young women's parents for allowing their daughters to be in a public place around young men.

The debate that emerged from the videos is significant — both for bringing the issue into the spotlight and for exposing struggles Saudi women face in public.

The Justice Ministry says 3,982 cases of sexual harassment were registered over the last two years. However, that figure also includes cases of sexual assault and abuse, since there is no legal definition of what constitutes sexual harassment in Saudi Arabia. Saudi women's rights activists and liberal pundits claim sexual harassment is all too common in the kingdom and are calling for a law that would criminalize such behavior. Regardless of whether a Saudi woman even shows her face or not, she is seen as "just a subject to harass," activist Tamador Alyami told The Associated Press. □

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Warming climate leaves Alaskans with fewer walrus to hunt

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) -- Anna Oxereok grew up eating walrus in the western Alaska village of Wales. Today it's such a rare treat she can't bring herself to part with the plastic gallon bag of meat in her freezer.

"I have to save it for something special," she says.

Her brother caught two animals this spring and shared the meat and fat, but it didn't go very far in the village of 150. She's thankful for what she got, though. It's become increasingly difficult to land a walrus.

Other remote communities at the edge of the Bering Sea also are seeing a steep decline in walrus harvested the past several years. Walrus, described by some as having a taste between veal and beef, is highly prized by Alaska Natives as a subsistence food to store for winter, with the adult male animals averaging 2,700 pounds. The sale of carved ivory from the tusks, legal only for Alaska Natives, also brings in supplemental income to communities with high unemployment rates.

Hunters and scientists say walrus migration patterns are veering from historical hunting grounds as temperatures warm and the ocean ice used by the animals to dive and rest recedes farther north. Village elders also tell biologists the wind is blowing in new directions. In 2013, a late-season icepack clustered around St. Lawrence Island, blocking hunters from the sea.

"I think one of the biggest issues is that things have gotten so variable. It's hard to really predict what's going to happen," said Jim MacCracken, Alaska walrus program supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Iver Campbell and other Yup'ik Eskimo hunters from two St. Lawrence Island communities harvested more than 1,100 walrus in 2003. But a decade later, hunters managed to take only 555 - a fraction of the ideal of one walrus per resident, per year. Things still aren't

looking any better for the 1,430 residents of the villages of Gambell and Savoonga. The recent spring take was 233 walrus, according to preliminary Fish and Wildlife figures. The shore ice once served to block the wind for hunters but that's no longer the case, said Campbell, who's lived all 64 years in Gambell, population 713.

"The ice goes out real fast, melts real fast," he said. "We don't have anything to counter the wind and the rough water."

Their hunting practices are closely monitored by federal authorities to ensure the animals that are killed are not going to waste. Generally, such hunts don't cause a public outcry in Alaska.

In these communities, a subsistence lifestyle is a necessity. In fact, the low harvest this year recently prompted a donation of 10,000 pounds of frozen halibut to four affected villages.

"A decline in the subsistence harvest really creates an economic

of 120 harvested one walrus in 2014, prompting city and Native leaders to seek assistance from the state.

This year, 10 walrus were harvested, according to Diomedes hunter Robert Soolook. There's no shortage of walrus, he said, but they're migrating sooner. No one has initiated any long-range planning to address the shift, but Soolook believes hunters eventually will need to change their practices, even going out earlier.



This April 13, 2004 photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows a large Pacific bull walrus on ice in the Bering Sea off the west coast of Alaska.

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Science backs that observation. According to the Office of Naval Research, the past eight years have had the eight lowest amounts of summer sea ice on record.

Far from the state's limited road system, costly store-bought food is not an affordable solution. At village stores, pantry staples quickly add up - nearly \$7 for a dozen eggs, \$15 for a gallon of milk and \$6.25 for a loaf of basic white bread. People rely on the region's resources for up to 80 percent of their diets.

disaster that threatens the health and welfare of the people in the communities," said Vera Metcalf, director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission. "So we are concerned about the impacts of climate change and the ability for our hunters to harvest marine mammals."

Some Native communities can search for other animals, like domestic reindeer or caribou. But opportunities aren't as bountiful for Diomedes on the western coast of Little Diomedes Island, only a few miles from Russia. The community

"Now that we've seen this, we have to start adapting," he said. No federal assistance is available, and state aid is minimal, at best. State Sen. Sen. Donny Olson, D-Golovin, said he might introduce legislation to allow failed subsistence hunts to qualify for state disaster funds.

Moving from her ancestral lands is not an option, according to Oxereok, an Inupiat Eskimo. Relocating would mean displacing everything she knows.

"It's not that simple because your roots are here," she said. □



Creator/Writer/Executive Producer Lee Daniels, left, and Executive Producer Brian Grazer participate in the "Empire" panel at the Fox Summer TCA Tour at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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'Empire' spin-off is 'without question,' says co-creator

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Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Lee Daniels says there will be a spin-off of his smash hit "Empire."

"Without question," the series' co-creator and executive producer said to a panel of TV critics Thursday. "There's so much ripe story that we've talked about already, about Cookie's family, what makes her her. That in itself is fascinating to me."

Executive producer Brian Grazer told The Associated Press the agenda before a spin-off can happen is to "never get corny. Completely stay authentic. ... As long as it stays dangerous, we're cool. As long as we can stay that way for this

season, these guys can think about a spin-off, we'll be OK."

It was also announced that Pitbull will guest star in the second season of the soap about the music business, which returns Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. EDT.

The rapper will play himself and perform with Jussie Smollet, who plays Jamal. Other guest stars confirmed to appear when "Empire" returns include Chris Rock, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Alicia Keys, Kelly Rowland and Marisa Tomei. An appearance by Mariah Carey is also in the works.

Despite the casting announcements, Daniels said producers are being careful to not go into guest-star overload. □

'Louie' taking a break as Louis C.K. creates new FX comedy

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Louis C.K. is taking a break before doing a sixth season of his FX comedy, "Louie." But that doesn't mean he won't be busy.

FX CEO John Landgraf says the comedian needs an "extended hiatus" before returning to work on the critically acclaimed series. "He's made 61 magnificent episodes of television, and we did an overall deal with him a couple of years ago and that has proven

incredibly productive," Landgraf said Friday at the Television Critics Association's summer meeting. The actor-comedian will continue to make shows for the network during his break.

He has co-created a new comedy, "Better Things," with frequent collaborator Pamela Adlon. He will also produce. "Better Things" follows Adlon as a working actor with no filter who is trying to juggle her personal and professional lives.



In this Oct. 23, 2014 file photo, Valerie Bertinelli arrives at 2014 Power of Pink: An Acoustic Evening With Pink And Friends in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Valerie Bertinelli cooks up a Food Network show

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NEW YORK (AP) — Cooking for family is fun for actress Valerie Bertinelli. Cooking for Betty White was intimidating.

For the debut of "Valerie's Home Cooking," her new Food Network show premiering Saturday (12 p.m. EDT), Bertinelli invited co-stars White, Jane Leeves and Wendie Malick from the now-defunct TV Land sitcom "Hot in Cleveland" for a meal.

"It was a little nerve-racking

because Betty doesn't like too many things," Bertinelli said of her 93-year-old colleague. "She likes tuna fish, she likes hot dogs, she likes Red Vines (candy) and vodka. So what am I going to make for Betty?"

Vodka sounds like a nice start. Bertinelli settled on a tuna salad with an Italian twist.

Growing up in an Italian family, it was "food, God and garlic in our house," she said. The 55-year-old Bertinelli has fond memories of learning to make pasta from scratch as a young girl, and has long enjoyed cooking as a way to bring family and friends together.

She's hoping the 10-episode "Valerie's Home Cooking" is enough of a success to merit a second season so she can go back to a culinary "boot camp," full days of trying out recipes with no worries about cleaning up.

Bertinelli sipped a green drink during an interview backstage at the "Today" show this week. She's on a sugar detox after co-hosting the "Kids Baking Championship" for the Food Network, where some sampling was in order.

"When the Food Network

came on, I had it on all the time in my house," she said. "Some people had CNN on, I had the Food Network going on all the time. To be on it now is really surreal." The former teen sitcom star of "One Day at a Time" will be looking for acting jobs again following the cancellation of "Hot in Cleveland" after six seasons. She and her co-stars loved the roles because they provided meaningful jobs in an industry where middle-aged and older actresses are not exactly a hot commodity. "Then they canceled us because they wanted to put on younger shows," she said.

She's particularly proud of Wolfgang, her 24-year-old son with rocker Eddie Van Halen. He's playing in his dad's band, and now that he's gotten older, Bertinelli is over the concerns she had about him going out on the road as a teenager. She rode in the tour bus recently with Wolfgang to a show, and for the first time he played and sang for her some of the songs he had written. Mom was a puddle. "I said, 'Thanks a lot for that, Wolfie!'" she said. "Now I have to put on a whole new face of make-up." I was sobbing. □



In this Feb. 15, 2015 file photo, Louis C.K. attends the SNL 40th Anniversary Special in New York.

Associated Press

Landgraf also said Louis C.K. has a third series in the works for FX but the details aren't ready to be revealed. □

Filmmaker tries to rebut documentary on Japan dolphin hunt

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TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese film is being offered as a rebuttal to the Oscar-winning documentary, "The Cove," which graphically depicted dolphins being slaughtered in the tiny town of Taiji.

"Behind The Cove" has interviews with Japanese whaling officials and footage of a whaling festival and Hiroshima atomic bomb victims to counter

what director Keiko Yagi thinks is an unfair dosage of "Japan-bashing."

Her film argues that whale meat provided food in the lean years after Japan's defeat in World War II and was frequently served in school lunches. The practice has been phased out, and most Japanese these days though have never eaten whale or dolphin meat, no more than Westerners have.

"Unless we can respect

each other's food culture, war will be a never-ending story," Yagi told reporters after a screening Friday in Tokyo.

She filmed retired whalers reminiscing about the old days, but not today's dolphin hunters or the people engaged in the lucrative business of selling dolphins to overseas aquariums and marine shows.

"The Cove" was named best documentary at the 2009 Academy Awards.



Director Keiko Yagi speaks during an interview in Tokyo, Friday, Aug. 7, 2015. Her new documentary, "Behind the Cove," is being billed as Japan's big rebuttal to the Oscar-winning "The Cove," which depicted the dolphin slaughter in the tiny town of Taiji that horrified the world. **Associated Press**

Audra McDonald raises money for charity with special gifts

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Grabbing a hot chocolate at the theater-district restaurant Sardi's usually costs only a few bucks, but when you add one special ingredient, it soars to \$2,250. What's that ingredient? Audra McDonald.

The six-time Tony Award winner is offering to join you and a guest over cocoa as part of her effort to raise money for homeless young people. The get-together — which also later includes a short private performance — is one of several prizes she's offering to raise \$25,000 for Covenant House by Aug. 12.

McDonald got involved in the effort last year when she watched Covenant House staff welcome a homeless youth into their shelter. She found out more about the group and "my heart broke open," she said Friday. "All of a sudden, I felt like, 'I need to be a part of it.'"

For \$1,000, she'll deliver a singing telegraph over the phone. For \$250, you get a signed copy of McDonald's CD "Go Back Home." For \$100, she'll tweet her thanks and for \$50, she'll recognize you on her Facebook page.

A \$500 donation gets you a video message and McDonald is offering to play Cupid. "If you want help proposing to someone, maybe I'll send the proposal for you," she said. "Or if



In this June 8, 2014 file photo, actress Audra McDonald arrives at the 68th annual Tony Awards in New York. **Associated Press**

there's someone special you always wanted to ask out, maybe I can help."

All money goes to Covenant House International. On Nov. 19, McDonald will join a candlelight vigil in Times Square and join members of the theatrical community in sleeping on the streets in solidarity. The hot chocolate meetup happens then, followed by a tour of Covenant House and a private performance.

In the meantime, McDonald is very busy. She and her husband, Will Swenson, are starring in "A Moon for the Misbegotten" at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in Massachusetts.

She also has filmed her Tony-winning performance as Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" for HBO. The special was shot with a live audience over three shows in

an abandoned club in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

In the fall, she'll join workshops of the Broadway-bound "Shuffle Along, Or, The Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed," which will be choreographed by Savion Glover and be written and directed by Tony Award-winning director George C. Wolfe.

To goose interest in the charity fundraiser, McDonald and Swenson are recording theme songs for various iconic TV shows. Last week they posted on Vimeo the song from "Laverne & Shirley." This week is "Diff'rent Strokes," posted Friday.

"I know 'The Jeffersons' will make their way in there at some point. 'Maude.' 'All in the Family.' We got lots," McDonald said, laughing. □

It referred amply to the aquarium industry and contained surreptitiously obtained footage of Taiji fishermen in small boats, herding a pod of dolphins into the cove, scaring them with loud clanging noises, and then repeatedly stabbing them to death, as the dolphins writhed about, and the water turned red. Yagi, who acknowledged she didn't even own a tripod until halfway through her first film, was delighted people agreed to speak on camera, and her film is largely a stream of interviews.

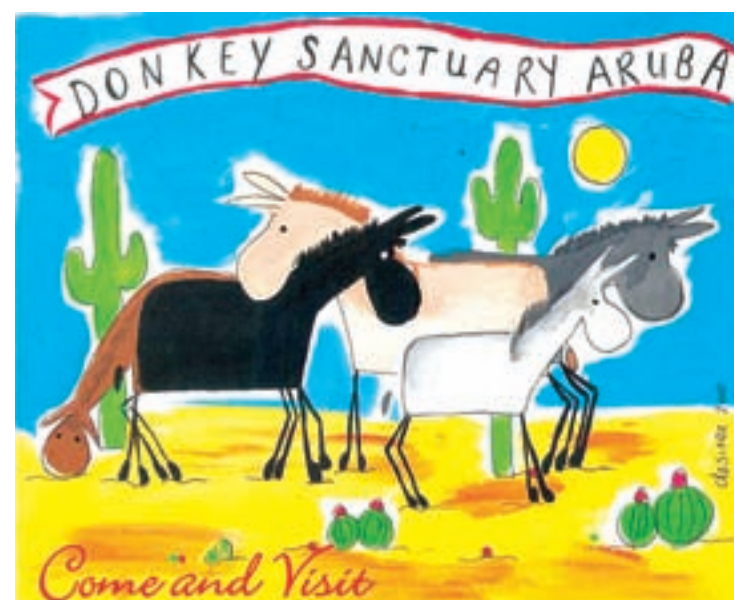
Among those interviewed are "The Cove" star Ric O'Barry and director Louie Psihoyos, as well as members of Sea Shepherd, an activist group against dolphin and whale hunts.

O'Barry acknowledges he would have included more Japanese people in "The

Cove," if he had directed. He trained dolphins for the 1960s "Flipper" TV series, had a change of heart and has since devoted his life to defending dolphins. Psihoyos says he does not approve of picking on Japanese people. The Sea Shepherd activists appear friendly in their interviews. Both O'Barry and Psihoyos declined comment to The Associated Press, saying they had not yet seen the film.

In previous interviews with AP, both have said they wanted to point out the cruelty of the dolphin killing. They say only a small group of people in Taiji benefit from the slaughter, and have suggested other ways, such as tourism, to support the local economy.

There are no immediate screening plans for Yagi's film. □



Debate shatters Fox News ratings record, Trump feels heat

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AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump always boasted about his ratings for "Celebrity Apprentice." Now he can say the same thing about his first presidential debate, even if he didn't like the show very much. Thursday's prime-time GOP candidates' forum on Fox News Channel reached a stunning 24 million viewers, by far the largest audience ever for that network and any cable news event. The closest was the 1992 "Larry King Live" debate between Al Gore and Ross Perot on CNN, which was seen by 16.8 million people, the Nielsen company said.

In fact, it stands as the most-watched television program of the summer so far, beating the last game of the NBA Finals and the women's World Cup soccer finals, Nielsen said.

The debate left front-runner Trump singed by the aggressive questioning of Fox's moderator team of Bret Baier, Megyn Kelly and Chris Wallace. Trump tweeted out criticism of the moderators as "not very good or professional" and retweeted a message from a supporter who called Kelly a "bimbo."

Fox News Chairman Roger Ailes called his moderators "the best political team ever put on television."

Trump became the focus of Thursday's forum right away, when Baier asked the 10 candidates onstage in Cleveland which of them would not pledge to



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump looks toward Jeb Bush, right, as Scott Walker watches during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015, in Cleveland.

support the eventual GOP nominee or run a third-party candidacy. Trump was the only one to raise his hand, leading opponent Rand Paul to criticize him. Kelly's sharp first question noted that Trump had called women he didn't like "fat pigs, dogs, slob and disgusting animals." When Trump suggested he had only insulted Rosie O'Donnell, Kelly corrected him and asked whether this represented the proper temperament for a president and left him vulnerable to charges that he is part of a war on women. Trump pointed to his lack of political correctness.

"I've been very nice to you although I could probably not be based on the way you've treated me," Trump told Kelly. "But I wouldn't do that."

Wallace asked Trump two tough questions and, in a quick-moving format that allowed little time for follow-ups, both times came back at Trump for not answering them. Wallace asked Trump to provide proof for his earlier statement that the Mexican government is sending criminals to the United States, and later questioned him on how he could be trusted to run the nation's economy when his companies have declared

bankruptcy four times.

Baier asked Trump to reconcile his past support of single-payer health care with his opposition to President Obama's health plan, and what he felt he received in return for past political donations to Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi. Kelly also pointed out Trump's past support for Democrats and asked, "when did you become a Republican?"

"I don't think they like me very much," Trump said.

Later, Trump wrote on Twitter: "I really enjoyed the debate tonight even though the @foxnews trio, especially @megynkelly, was not very good or

professional." In another message, he wrote that Kelly "really bombed." He retweeted several messages from others who criticized Fox, including one who wrote that "Fox viewers give low marks to bimbo @MegynKelly."

On Fox after the debate, Kelly noted that it "creates an awkward dynamic" to have Trump attack her after she has asked a tough question about what he has said and done to women.

"I'm extremely proud of all of the moderators — they asked tough, important questions and did their job as journalists," Ailes told Politico. "I think that was the best political debate team ever put on television. Their performance was outstanding."

Fox had attracted attention prior to the debate for deciding to include 10 of the 17 declared candidates in the prime-time debate. The other candidates competed in a forum that began at 5 p.m. ET to an audience of one-quarter the size. Still, even the earlier forum attracted a larger audience than all but five of 18 Republican debates televised during the 2012 election cycle.

The most-watched GOP primary debate for the 2012 election, on ABC in December 2011, had 7.6 million people, Nielsen said.

Fox attracted just under 12 million viewers for its 2012 Election Night coverage, its previous standard for biggest audience. □

'Fox NFL Sunday' to get in the game at this year's Emmys

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The Emmys will be getting quite a warmup this year. Hours before the 67th Emmy Awards

telecast takes place Sept. 20, "Fox NFL Sunday" will air live from the red carpet at Los Angeles' Microsoft Theater.

It's the first time a sports-themed pregame show will

air live from the site of the Emmys, Fox says. It begins at noon EDT.

Fox Sports' slate of games that day will be highlighted by the season's first installment of "America's Game of the Week,"

"an NFC East showdown featuring the Dallas Cowboys visiting the Philadelphia Eagles (4:25 p.m. EDT).

Following that game, coverage returns to the "Fox NFL Sunday" set abutting the red carpet,

as the postgame show leads to the top of the Emmys telecast at 8 p.m. EDT. Terry Bradshaw

and Curt Menefee co-host, joined by analysts Howie Long, Jimmy Johnson and Michael Strahan. □



This Sept. 22, 2013 file photo provided by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences shows a general view at the trophy table at the 65th Primetime Emmy Awards held at Nokia Theatre, in Los Angeles.

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